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Heathfield slaps down Tebbit for NUM concession claim

Talks set pit peace hopes flickering

By John Ardill and Malcolm Pithers

Prospects for ending the pits dispute seemed to have brightened after weekend talks between the National Union of Mineworkers and the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service and between the National Coal Board and the National Association of Colliery Overmen, Deputies and Shotfirers.

Acas officials are to see the NCB chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, at noon today to report on Saturday's meeting with NUM leaders, when a new formula for dealing with pit closures was discussed.

The board's deputy chairman, Mr Jim Cowan, will be available all this week if the latest moves lead to joint talks under Acas

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chairmanship, and possibly involving Nacods, who agreed with the board yesterday to have another meeting with Acas.

Mr Peter Heathfield, the NUM general secretary, said yesterday that the union's talks with Acas were "constructive and helpful."

He went on: "I think on the form of words being knocked about over the weekend there is the possibility of ending the dispute, providing there is willingness on the part of Mrs Thatcher to allow Mr MacGregor to end the dispute."

Mr Heathfield's statement that there was "merit" in the Nacods plan for binding arbitration on disputed closures and that it could break the deadlock was welcomed by the Trade and Industry Secretary, Mr Norman Tebbit.

He said it was the first time the NUM had moved from the principle that every pit must be kept open until its coal was exhausted or it was too dangerous to work.

But this interpretation was promptly rejected by Mr Heathfield.

But Mr Heathfield said that the question of the colliery review procedure — which Nacods wants to culminate in third party arbitration — was not central to settling the national pits strike now in its 30th week.

It is understood that the idea which Acas officials have been discussing with the NUM and *the NCB for the past three* weeks follow a somewhat different tack.

They have covered a programme for negotiating a settlement of the dispute, including the issues of pay, the overtime ban which had long been in operation before the strike began in March and the restoration of good relations in the industry.

If there is to be a settlement Mr MacGregor and the board will hae to move substantially from the position they adopted when they last met Acas.

On Saturday Mr Scargill and Mr Heathfield discussed with Acas a new form of words covering the closure of "uneconomic" or "exhausting" pits and a revision of the established colliery review procedure under which closure proposals are discussed between the board and the unions, initially at the local level.

Mr Peter McNestry, the Nacods general secretary, said after two hours of talks with Mr MacGregor in Doncaster yesterday that real progress had been made.

The president, Mr Ken Sampey, was optimistic of a settlement by the end of the week.

Mr Heathfield, speaking shortly afterwards on BBC Ra-

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Thatcher seized on Bow row to push policies

By Julia Langdon, Political Correspondent

The public wrangle between the Prime Minister and the Bow Group developed further yesterday to provide a backcloth against which the Government can proclaim the success of its policies at this week's Tory party conference.

Mr Michael Lingens, the chairman of the Tory group, *issued another letter to Mrs* Thatcher repeating his criticism of the way in which government policy is presented, and undaunted by the Prime Minister's earlier dismissal of his charges as "crackers."

*The latest salvo fuelled cyni*cal suspicions among some ministers that Mrs Thatcher had deliberately engaged in the row in order to display the virtues of her policies.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the *Trade and Industry Secretary*, joined in with a radio interview in which he praised the fact that the Conservative Party was now less deferential than in previous years and applauded the use of constructive *debate about issues of policy.*

He also took the opportunity to emphasise that Mrs Thatcher and he were as con-

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cerned as any of the Govern*ment's own internal critics* about the need to get its policies right.

No one was more astonished by the affair than the man who started it by writing an article for the latest issue of Crossbow, which is published today.

In it Mr Lingens says that *the Government's second term* had so far presented "a dismal picture of missed opportunities."

He berates the Government for failing to reduce public expenditure and to make tax cuts *and described the Govern*ment's present approach as "a cop-out."

Such an article would normally not merit an early response from Number 10. One senior minister said that it was an "*incredible miscalculation*" for Mrs Thatcher to reply. She should not have taken the trouble to respond to "a gnat bite."

But Mrs Thatcher issued her public rebuttal to Mr Lingens—under embargo for the official publication of the article this morning. Mr Lingens then released his letter responding to her yesterday.

In it he declared that his intention was to try to persuade *the Government to convey its* message more clearly and to take new policy initiatives.

It was because of the scale of the challenges that faced Britain that he was "urging the Government to be less *cautious and defensive* in its approach."

In fact, Mrs Thatcher does intend that several initiatives should be signalled during this week so that her Government is projected in a positive light.

This aim, she believes, will be assisted by an impression that the Conservative Party is capable of engaging in healthy debate.

But she is also faced with continuing signs of unease from within the party and from among her closest colleagues.

One of the most alarming was that offered by the Leader of *the Commons*, Mr John Biffen, in a television interview last Friday.

He underlined the importance of running the country by a social consensus and said that while there was nothing wrong with conviction politicians it was necessary to marry this approach with a wider consideration of the public interest.

"*You do not run* British politics like some great crusader," he said.

Mrs Thatcher met criticism yesterday from another quarter — one of her senior backbenchers. Mr Charles Morrison, MP for Devizes, an executive member of the 1922 Committee, said on TV South that the Government must change *direction to reduce the high* level of unemployment.

Friendly advice for the 'underdog'

THE US Democratic presidential contender, Mr Walter Mondale, gets some close friendly advice from his wife Joan before the key television debate early today with President Reagan.

Harold Jackson writes: President Reagan's apparently inexorable advance in the opinion polls continues. The New York Times reports that it put him 26 per cent ahead of Mr Mondale, an increase of five points in the past month. No challenger in US electoral history has been able to close that wide a gap.

The result, though hardly a shock to the Democratic campaign organisers, emphasised their feeling that everything could now turn on how voters respond to Mr Mondale's performance in the televised encounter in Louisville, Kentucky. The Mondale campaign manager, Mr Robert Beckel, said flatly: "It is probably the most important night of this election for us."

Though the broadcast discussion was constantly referred to as a "debate," the restrictions agreed by the campaign staffs gave neither man a real chance of a direct exchange.

The Democratic managers put on an air of quiet optimism, at least for public consumption. "We understand that we are a decided underdog compared with the President," Mr Beckel said. "He's got style points, but we believe viewers will decide that, although style is nice for a few minutes, you're going to have to get into substance eventually. And I think we've got a fighting chance to get our message across."

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Clarke to launch campaign against drugs

By Julia Langdon, Political Correspondent

The Government is to announce a package of measures this week to help to combat the growth in drugs abuse among young people. The programme will involve the provision of extra finance, including commitments from the Home Office, the Department of Health and the Customs and Excise.

Mr Kenneth Clarke, the the programme when he addresses the Conservative conference in Brighton on Wednesday morning. A debate on drugs abuse has been scheduled because of the concern in the party at the growing problem, but i also reflects the Prime Minister's personal anxiety about the issue.

Mrs Thatcher has signalled to ministers in all the relevant departments that this is an area where some action must be taken and the package has been devised as a result.

It has been drawn up by Mr Clarke in concert with the Home Secretary, Mr Leon Brittan, and his Under-Secretary of State, Mr David Mellor, who chairs the interdepartmental Government working party studying the problem. Further discussions have also been held with the other Whitehall de*partments* involved.

The extent of the extra spending is being kept a close secret in order not to diminish the impact of Mr Clarke's speech.

In July, the Government made an additional £1 million available to improve services for the suspected 50,000 drug *addicts in Britain. The new* money was in addition to £6 million provided for local initiatives, but the Opposition spokesman, Mr Frank Dobson, has maintained that £20 million is needed to cope with the crisis.

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Tomorrow, Elizabeth Cottrell points out (for Guardian Women) how Mrs Thatcher insists on the supremacy of duties over rights; and on Wednesday Malcolm Dean (in Society Tomorrow) has some warning words for Norman Fowler.

US ELECTION

AMERICAN MONTH

In four weeks' time the United States chooses a new President. Alex Brummer, in Democrat West Virginia, indicates that he will look much like the old (p.15) and that corruption is still a running theme (p.17); William Winpisinger gives a trade unionist's view of the harm Reagan has done to the country (p.10); and tomorrow Harold Jackson reports from Utah where Reagan's vote may top 80 per cent.

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REAL progress in tackling the Northern Ireland problem is possible for the first time in 60 years, Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish premier, said yesterday. Page 2.

Dumping fight

CAMPAIGNERS against the dumping of nuclear waste at Billingham, Cleveland, have outflanked Whitehall and the nuclear industry. Page 3

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Five die in house blaze

By a Correspondent

FOUR children and a young mother died in a house fire in Radford, Nottingham, yesterday.

Vanda Urbacz, aged 23, died with her sons Cornell, aged eight, James aged two, and Julian, aged two weeks. The fifth victim was the woman's nephew, Christopher Urbacz, aged eight.

Christopher's mother, Maria Urbacz, aged 27, and her son Robert, aged two, escaped. The woman, Vanda Urbacz's sister, threw her son from an upstairs window *in the three-storey house* in Waterloo Promenade, and then jumped herself.

Last night, Maria Urbacz, was said to have a fractured pelvis and a fractured arm, while Robert was "comfortable" *in the children's inten*sive care unit of Queen's Medical Centre.

A neighbour, Mrs Tina Mewers, said: "I ran to the back so that she could throw the baby down to me. The baby hit the floor and I picked him up quickly and tried to revive him. I patted him on the back, and he gave a good cry.

..."The woman was crying for her baby. She must have thrown herself out of the window.

East Berlin parade of military might backs tough Soviet words

From Hella Pick in East Berlin

Missiles and tanks rumbled through the streets of East Berlin yesterday in the biggest military display to mark the 35th anniversary of the foundation of East Germany—a menacing reminder of the precarious state of East-West relations.

A flight of Soviet-made Mi-*24 helicopter gunships swooped* over the city centre in bright sunshine as soldiers goose-stepped past a reviewing stand, saluting the East German leader, Mr Erich Honecker, the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Andrei Gromyko, and other visiting Warsaw Pact officials.

T-72 tanks and missiles followed in a haze of smoke along the broad Karl Marx Allee. Crowds of workers and children, brought in by special *buses, lined the streets under* banners proclaiming "Long live the GDR" and "Our gratitude to the National People's Army."

Portraits of Mr Honecker and the Soviet President, Mr *Chernenko*, hung from nearby buildings along with national flags.

Nearly all the weaponry on display was Soviet-made; East Germany has practically no arms industry. Experts said *there did not appear to be any* new equipment.

The Western allies, in a routine statement condemned the parade as a violation of Berlin's demilitarised status. But the protest, issued by the British military government in West Berlin, made a special protest over the rare military fly-past by the helicopter gunships. This contravened the four-power agreement on air space over Berlin and endangered civilian air traffic, it said.

The display of military might came after harsh warnings from the Soviet Union, firmly underscored by Mr Honecker, that the division of

Picture and Embassy deadlock, page 6

Germany must be accepted as permanent, and that any attempt to roll back the Iron Curtain in Eastern Europe would be countered by force and was doomed to failure.

The anniversary is being marked here this weekend with a huge fanfare and by strong declarations of the country's commitment to peace, socialism and the Soviet Union, as well of determination to de*fend its borders.*

Mr Honecker, addressing a viewing stand audience which included Mr Gromyko, and the rather low-ranking official group sent by other Warsaw Pact countries, as well as the *PLO leader, Mr Yasser Arafat*, drew a picture of a dynamic, secure society, dedicated to economic and social progress.

He described a country proud of its achievements, apparently without reservations about the superiority of socialism to capitalism.

Inevitably, there were no public references to the East Germans holed up in the Bonn embassy in Prague. But there must be acute embarrassment about this untimely reminder that there are East Germans who do not share Mr Honecker's enthusiasm.

Nothing, however, was allowed to overshadow the public embrace between Mr *Honecker and Mr Gromyko and* a whole series of declaratons and gestures from the East German leader to show that his short-lived attempt to depart from Moscow's foreign policy line was over.

Moscow, unable to tolerate his proposed visit to West Germany with its implied goal of circumventing superpower tension, led to his visit last month to be suddenly cancelled.

Mr Honecker appears to have swallowed his bitter pill with good grace and, in his speech on Saturday, he only made a brief nostalgic reference to "political dialogue" as a way of achieving the "golden goal" of peaceful coexistence.

Mr Gromyko, after delivering greetings from President *Chernenko*, and giving his own absolution to Mr Honecker by praising his achievements, went on to show how obsessive

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Bastards put spanner in Burke's works

By John Ezard

Too much innocent faith in new technology, plus a disastrous underestimate of the number of bastards produced by the British upper classes, has led to a crisis for Burke's Peerage.

Next year's edition of the 155-year-old reference book, the first since 1970, had been promoted as the first to be printed by computer and the first to include aristocrats conceived on the wrong side of the blanket.

But it is now expected to be up to five months late. Its directors, headed by the Queen's cousin, Lady Elizabeth Anson, are resigned to losing a crucial publication race with their arch-rival, Debrett's. The directors have been forced to offer to return money to publication subscribers. The volume's publishing director, Mr Harold Brooks-Baker, said yesterday that this would cost the firm 2,000-3,000 copies. It would need an extra £50,000 and was in danger of a takeover bid because of the financial strain.

"I don't know what the odds are on being taken over," Mr Brooks-Baker said. "The next *few weeks will tell.*" One company, Ravendale Securities, was already bidding.

As well as entering the bastard market, the publishers, Burke's Peerage and Baronetage Ltd, had promised special sections "showing how royal genes come to the top even in republics" and giving a "blood and gold guide" to rich and noble heirs and heiresses and to wealthy widows. The book will cost £60 pre-publication, *£100 afterwards.*

But editorial staff are already two months late in sending forms out for completion by aristocrats. Consultant genealogists have advised that work is too far behind to produce an authoritative work by next April, the scheduled publication date. This is galling for Lady Elizabeth and Mr Brooks-Baker, both of whom moved to Burke's from Debrett's after complaining that Debrett's Handbook was not authoritative enough. "The date could be July. It could even be September," he said.

They had underestimated work involved in drafting forms which could be handled by a computer and would have to record the results of 15 years of aristocratic procreation. "And we began to realise that we simply did not know how many bastards we would have to deal with. We underestimated that, too. It could be 200. It could be 2,000.

"It seems that every major family in the peerage has a bastard relation. How many of them are we going to be asked to include? Frankly, we have no idea."

The company had been too innocent in its faith in com*puters, which could only do* what they were told to do. "There are people who expect them to do too much," Mr Brooks-Baker said.

"In the old days Burke's came out once a year, regularly updated by an army of quill-wielding clerks. They used quill pens in the early days and fountain pens later. It makes you wonder how they did it. In some ways, it would have been better if we'd done it that way. It seems that the quill is mightier than the computer."

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Wider safeguards planned for medical information

Doctors to rule on what police should be told

By Andrew Veitch, Medical Correspondent

Health ministers are planning to give doctors the sole right, subject to the law, to decide whether patients' personal medical information should be disclosed to the police.

The existing safeguard, by which administrators can intervene to protect patients' records if they think that the doctor has made the wrong decision, will be destroyed. However, doctors argue that they, and not state officials, will be best able to safeguard their patients' interests.

The proposal is contained in a draft code on the disclosure of personal health data sent out for consultation last week by the junior minister, Mr John Patten.

Drawn up by a working party headed by Sir Douglas Black, president of the British Medical Association, the code sets out the principles which should govern the protection of a patient's right to confidentiality in the wake of the Data Protection Act.

Under the draft code, personal medical information may be disclosed without a patient's consent only if disclosure is required by law, ordered by a court, or needed for management reasons (where a patient has made a complaint about treatment, for example).

A doctor may authorise disclosure of his patients' records for health research; for the prevention, detection, or prosecution of serious crime; to safeguard national security; or to safeguard public health.

Health authority meetings in which arrangements for implementing the code are formally adopted must be open to the public, and at least once a year health authorities must publish details of disclosures which have been made.

According to Dr John Dawson, under-secretary at the BMA and a member of the group which drew up the code, patients will benefit. "The code is biased in favour of the patient, not the doctor," he said. "From the patient's point of view it is a good deal. They will know what is being done with their records."

However, some administrators and computer experts see things differently. The code will give doctors more power than ever before, they point out. Doctors may release information that they should not, or refuse to release information which is necessary.

At present hospital records are held by health authorities. It often happens, it is claimed, that consultants who do not wish to take responsibility for releasing information ask the health authority to do it for them.

Frequently, it is also claimed, police hunting that driver of a stolen car after an accident ask junior doctors in casualty departments for permission to look through the records

It has been pointed out that doctors do not make clinical judgments when they allow police access to their patients' records — they are making judgments about the nature of the crime. The director of the National Council for Civil Liberties, Mr Larry Gostin, says they are not entitled to do so.

"The patient gives information to the doctor in confidence. The doctor must not disclose it, other than by court order, without the patient's permission," he said.

Party green by nature, not by name

By Michael Morris

Britain's only political party to have an officially designated meditation room at its conference, the Ecology Party, decided after a long think this weekend to keep its title, instead of changing it to the Green Party.

A change was proposed at the three-day conference, which ended at Southport yesterday, in a move intended to emphasise links with other European green parties, such as the Die Grunen in Germany, Les Verts in France, and De Groenen in Holland.

But the decision to remain as the Ecology party was interpreted by its co-chairman, Mr Jonathan Porritt, as a sign of new confidence in the party that it has a clear sense of its identity.

The 300 delegates yesterday showed their confidence by overwhelmingly carrying an emergency resolution which urged non-violent direct action in support of the mining communities and recommended the party's 6,500 members to become involved in local miners' support groups.

Two schools of thought emerged in the big debate on the party's title, which ended with 220 delegates voting against the proposal, 102 in favour, and 44 abstaining.

Delegates supporting the Greenwich and Lewisham proposal claimed that it would create stronger links with the continental greens which have had new election successes, especially the German party, now represented by 28 MPs.

Green, they argued, was also a symbol of something fresh and exciting in politics, and a term more readily understood than ecology.

But other delegates countered that Green Party had different connotations in British politics: naivety, for instance, or identification in Northern Ireland with republicanism.

But the argument which almost certainly clinched the voting was concerned with the fear that if things went badly wrong in European green politics they could, on the domino theory, go against a British Green Party.

Mr Tony Jones, party campaign organiser, said that many members felt that the Ecology Party had a separate identity, which had taken a long time to build. "If we were to be too closley associated with European green parties, it is felt we might suffer if things did go wrong."

A further argument against the proposal was that the term ecology, although scientific, did sum up what the party's politics were about: protection of the planet and its life-support systems.

Mr Porritt, who has fought for a name change for several years, said he was disappointed by the decision. But he added: "We would not stick with a funny name like ecology unless we were certain it expressed our identity."

In the conference's closing speech he said there was now a willingness among the members to accept the need for greater administrative efficiency. "I see that as a sign that the party is growing up. There is a readiness to accept that if we are to be successful we have to be professional in our organisation because there is a tendency in the green movement to tolerate inefficiency and amateurism in a way that is often detrimental to our chances of success."

In the resolution on the miners' dispute the party blamed the Government for picket line violence, which had reached "catastrophic levels." It rejected the coal board's definition of economic pits, and criticised what it called the board's policy of confrontation.

The party declared itself against a "national, militarised police force," which it believed would inevitably exist if the Government won the dispute.

Success for the party has not yet meant electing an MP, but it feels confident that its views are being taken up by other parties.

Irish PM predicts Ulster progress

From Joe Joyce in Dublin

Real progress in tackling the Northern Ireland problem is possible for the first time in 60 years, the Irish prime minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald, told his Fine Gael party's conference at the weekend.

In an address exuding optimism he tried to prepare Irish public opinion for a British initiative on Northern Ireland and cautioned against expecting too much too quickly.

Expectations of a development have been fanned by Republic ministers recently.

British officials are known to be sounding out opinion in Dublin and taking a fresh look at the Northern Ireland situation in preparation for a response to the New Ireland Forum report.

Expanding on the reasons behind his optimism in an Irish radio interview, Dr FitzGerald said they lay in the reaction of British public and political opinion to the Forum document.

"For the first time, the Irish and British governments have identified the problem to be tackled in the same way.

"For 60 years we have approached it from different angles, in confrontation with each other, if you like. That is not the case any longer," he said.

His conference speech was tinged with warnings that party supporters should not have high expectations of his Anglo-Irish summit meeting with Mrs Thatcher next month.

He argued that the Republic would have to adopt an open approach towards any British moves which represented a serious and comprehensive reaction to the Forum.

Dublin's first priority on Northern Ireland was to provide nationalists in the North with institutions that would ensure their security, prosperity and human fulfilment, he said. Their situation had to be radically transformed in a way that would endure.

Describing Northern nationalists as the group excluded from the Irish settlement of 60 years ago, Dr FitzGerald said they had suffered systematic deprivation, discrimination, harrassment and repression.

But Dublin recognised that it has a duty to the Unionist population, which was the object of a campaign of murder verging of genocide.

His government, he said, was fully committed to respecting Unionists' rights, including the rights of a majority within Northern Ireland to decide on changes in its constitutional position.

He defined the "progress" he anticipated as measures to give hope to ordinary people rather than the imposition of a solution on Northern Ireland.

"The cause of peace on this island is a human, not an ideological cause, that is why Fine Gael will back the cause of peace — peace first, peace above all."

The party conference was intended to improve Fine Gael morale after rumours of splits in the coalition government of which it is part, and a disastrous fall in its opinion poll ratings.

Party leaders believe that the worst is over and are relying strongly on a three-year economic plan, published last week, to reverse the tide of opinion.

Initial reaction to the plan has encouraged their belief. Despite economists' reservations, its measures won broad approval and quietened speculation about a sudden government collapse.

Even the opposition Fianna Fail party conceded that the coalition looks secure for the foreseeable future.

But it is not certain that the successful launch of the plan will ensure the implementation of some of the tougher decisions in next year's budget.

NON-DIMINUENDO: Rebecca Johnson, aged nine, a member of the Horbury Victoria Junior Band, yesterday received an award as youngest player among the 450 youngsters in bands competing for the title of Champion Youth Band of Great Britain. The competition, held in Kensington, London, was won by the West Glamorgan Youth Band.
Picture by Garry Weaser

Stonehenge replica planned to save site

By Aileen Ballantyre

A FULL-SCALE replica of Stonehenge, and a park and ride facility to the monument are among the options to be put forward next month by a working party on the problem of preserving the 3,500-year-old stones from the million or so tourists who tramp over the site every year.

The working party, which includes National Trust members and representatives of Wiltshire council, is to report to English Heritage, which recently took over the site from the Government to run it on a more commercial and imaginative basis.

Professor Colin Renfrew, professor of archaeology at Cambridge University and one of the commissioners of English Heritage, said yesterday that while it would be ludicrous for it to be visible from Stonehenge itself, the idea of a replica was one of the options being considered. One argument was for an underground replica, as there were misgivings about taking up large areas of countryside with a full-scale model of Stonehenge.

The pay and ride scheme would obviate the need for a large car park on the site.

At present, said Professor Renfrew, the only way to find out about the stones in detail is to buy a book on Stonehenge. If a replica were built it was hoped that many visitors would be satisfied with seeing that and being able to walk around it in total freedom, thus taking some of the pressure off the actual site.

The constant pounding of thousands of pairs of feet on the ground around the stones has caused it to become muddy and churned up, and the archaeological site is threatened.

A second bishop calls for pit peace talks

By Martyn Halsall, Churches Correspondent

The Bishop of Birmingham, Dr Hugh Montefiore, called yesterday for a "new, creative start" to peace talks in the coal dispute and accused the Government and the miners' leadership of escalating confrontation.

The bishop's public intervention followed private talks "with those in authority" and was accompanied by a bleak assessment of the dispute and the future of British society. The bishop, as chairman of the General Synod's Board for Social Responsibility, is effectively the Church of England's senior spokesman on social affairs.

The Church of England and the Government are expected to move further apart today with the publication of a new letter from the Bishop of Durham, Dr David Jenkins, to the Energy Secretary, Mr Peter Walker.

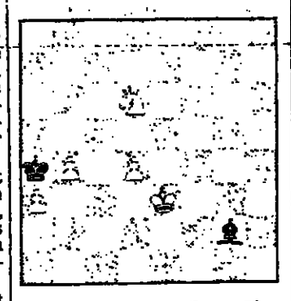
During an interview on BBC radio yesterday Dr Montefiore said the coal dispute was worsening and he could see no chance of any breakthrough at the moment.

He feared greater violence unless social problems were tackled by attempts at national consensus and said the Government was seen as not caring.

"The threshold of violence is beginning to change: people are becoming used to it," he said. Independent arbitration seemed the best way forward towards a settlement in the coal industry.

On Saturday Dr Montefiore condemned the Government's "politics of confrontation" as well as the leadership of the NUM for condoning violence and for misusing power. In an address to his diocesan synod, he supported the Bishop of Durham's pleas for a solution without victors.

Win for masterful Karpov



The end for Gary Kasparov, as Karpov's white pawns are poised for a queening advance.

By Leonard Barden

Masterly endgame precision game Anatoly Karpov another victory in the world chess title match this weekend at Moscow, where he took a near-decisive 4-0 lead over his challenger, Gary Kasparov.

Karpov now needs only two more wins to retain the crown he first won in 1975 when Bobby Fischer defaulted.

White: Karpov. Black: Kasparov. Queen's Gambit, Tarrasch Defence (9th game)

	White	Black		White	Black
1	P–Q4	P–Q4	36	PxP	K–K2
2	P–QB4	P–K3	37	N–R2	B–B1
3	N–KB3	P–QB4	38	N–N4	K–Q3
4	BPxP	KPxP	39	P–B3	N–N1
5	P–KN3	N–KB3	40	P–KR4	N–R3
6	B–N2	B–K2	41	K–B2	N–B4
7	0–0	0–0	42	N–B2	P–B5
8	N–B3	N–B3	43	B–Q3	P–N4
9	B–N5	PxP	44	BxN	BxB
10	KNxP	P–KR3	45	N–K3	B–N8
11	B–K3	P–K1	46	P–QN4	PxP?
12	Q–N3	N–QR4	47	N–N2!	PxP ch
13	Q–B2	B–KN5	48	KxP	K–K3
14	N–B5	B–QB1	49	N–B4 ch	K–B4
15	B–Q4	B–B4	50	NxRP	K–K3
16	BxB	RxB	51	N–B4 ch	K–Q3
17	N–K3	R–K3	52	K–N4	B–B7
18	QR–Q1	Q–B1	53	K–R5	B–Q8
19	Q–N4	R–Q1	54	K–N6	B–K2
20	R–Q3	P–R3	55	NxP ch	K–K3
21	KR–Q1	N–B5	56	N–R7 ch	K–Q2
22	NxN	PxN	57	NxRP	BxP
23	Q–R5	R–B4	58	KxP	K–Q3
24	Q–N6	R–B2	59	K–B5	K–Q4
25	R–Q4	Q–B2	60	K–B4	B–R8
26	QxQ	R(2)xQ	61	K–K3	K–B5
27	P–KR3	P–KR4	62	N–B5	B–B3
28	P–R3	P–KN3	63	N–Q3	B–N7
29	P–K5	K–N2	64	N–K5 ch	K–B6
30	K–B2	R–B5	65	N–N6	K–B5
31	P–R3	P–QN4	66	N–K7	B–N2
32	K–N2	R(2)–B4	67	N–B5	B–N7
33	RxR	RxR	68	N–Q6 ch	K–N6
34	R–Q4	K–B1	69	NxP	K–R5
35	B–K2	RxR	70	N–Q6	Resigns

RUC questions Sinn Fein publicity chief

From Paul Johnson in Belfast

Mr Danny Morrison, a Sinn Fein assembly member and the party's publicity director, has been released by the Royal Ulster Constabulary after questioning about the illegal visit to the province of a leading Noraid member, Mr Martin Galvin.

Last week, eight prominent Sinn Fein members, including the West Belfast MP and party president, Mr Gerry Adams, were detained for several hours for questioning.

Mr Galvin, a director of the US pro-Republican fund-raising group, entered the UK in August in defiance of an exclusion order.

The RUC made a vain attempt to arrest him at a Republican rally in Belfast. One man was killed and 20 people injured when police fired plastic bullets.

The Sinn Fein members could be brought to court under the 1971 Immigration Act

The reserve RUC constable Gary Dickson, who killed himself after shooting one woman dead and taking two others hostage at the weekend left a message saying that it had been an accident and that he was sorry.

Mr Dickson, aged 22, was pursued by police after Mrs Irene Johnston was killed outside her home in Enniskillen, Co. Fermanagh.

Mrs Johnston, a widow, aged 39, was shot dead after she had gone to investigate the screams of her daughter, who met Mr Dickson earlier in the evening at a disco.

In a 100-mile journey across the province Dickson took two women hostage, one pregnant, before turning up 12 hours later in Larne.

He telephoned his family and the police from the home of a pensioner. Mrs Isobel Orr and told her that what had happened was an accident and he was very sorry.

Dickson went outside and shot himself in the head. He died later in hospital.

Yard to investigate 1942 Burma 'massacre'

By Aileen Ballantyne

Scotland Yard said yesterday that a murder inquiry had begun into the alleged massacre of 27 Burmese civilians in April 1942.

A team of officers, headed by Detective Chief Superintendent Ronald Hardy, is expected to interview retired soldiers who may have witnessed the alleged killings, said to have been carried out by officers of the second batallion of the King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

In a letter to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, Sir Michael Havers, Attorney-General, said that notwithstanding the passage of time an investigation into the conduct of officers of the KOYLI regiment was feasible and in the public interest.

The inquiry follows allegations by Mr Gerald Fitzpatrick, then a 22-year-old 2nd lieutenant in the KOYLI regiment. The killings are alleged to have taken place during the British retreat from Rangoon to India.

Mr Dalyell, whose father's cousin was Major-General Orde Wingate, commander of the Chindits, brought the issue to the attention of Mr Michael Heseltine, Defence Secretary, some months ago.

Bank that breaks the Scots Sabbath

By Jean Stead, Scottish Correspondent

SUNDAY banking made its debut in Edinburgh yesterday, putting yet another dent into the Knox image, already battered by the all-day Sunday opening of Scottish pubs.

But there is no doubt of the welcome Scots gave to the opportunity to draw money out or put it in. Queues formed as soon as the Trustee Savings Bank started business at noon within the American-style shopping centre of Cameron Toll, which opened last week.

The bank, operating in a climate of hot competition, is the only one to have experimented with Sunday opening. The Edinburgh district manager, Mr Alistair Durkie, admitted that it had some powerful clients who were pillars of the Church of Scotland.

"We are not ignoring their concern, but we have to respond to what people want. For young couples at work all week this is the only opportunity they have to come and talk to their bank manager."

While most of the shops in the centre were open for business — though not off-licences, which are forbidden by law in Scotland to open on Sunday — it was the bank opening which drew the Kirk's wrath.

The Reverend Jim Martin, a member of Concern for the Kirk, a pressure group within the Church of Scotland, said: "As far as I am concerned, TSB stands for The Sabbath Breakers. People in the Kirk are offended and the bank now knows it. Our concern is in keeping the Sabbath as a day of rest. When people give up the Sabbath their lives change, usually for the worse."

The majority of people using the bank yesterday were women, many accompanied by children. One, Mrs Christine Lister, said: "I heard the Kirk was upset about it. I attend the church myself but I don't think they realise that times have changed."

The bank said they had been overwhelmed by volunteers for Sunday working, particularly among women staff who wanted time off during the week for family shopping. "We made sure that they would have time to go to the Kirk as well," said the manager, Mr Stewart Cumming.

Police hurt as Sikhs clash

Two policemen and seven civilians were injured when Sikh separatists and supporters of the Indian government clashed on Saturday night in Gravesend, Kent.

Supporters of an independent Sikh state in Punjab who were demonstrating outside a Sikh temple fought with counter-protesters

NEWS IN BRIEF

Resort arrests 'normal'

THE east coast resort of Skegness returned to normal yeterday, with police playing down stories of vandalism and violence at the weekend rally of up to 3,000 scooter enthusiasts in the town, *writes Sarah Boseley*.

Some youngsters made bonfires of fences and vandalised chalets to keep warm overnight. A boat was also set on fire and a caravan was severely damaged.

No special courts were convened to deal with the young offenders, and Chief Superintendent Hugh Cardy said that the 63 arrests over the weekend included people who had nothing to do with the rally. It was the total for "a normal weekend you would get here," he said.

Most of the arrests of scooterists were for alleged criminal damage and some disorder offences.

Mr Cardy said that those involved had come to the scooter rally intending to sleep out over the weekend in tents on the seafront.

Although pub landlords in Skegness had banned scooterists, the youngsters had bought alcohol at off-licences.

Police were on hand as the blazes began because the rally took place on an organised site, and so they dealt with offenders immediately. Mr Cardy said. Those charged were released on police bail, and would appear in court in Skegness in the next couple of weeks.

Couple save stag from huntsmen

A COUPLE saved a stag on Saturday by plunging into a river and keeping dogs and huntsmen's guns at bay for half an hour. The incident happened at the hamlet of Bridge Reeve, near Chulmleigh, North Devon, after Tiverton staghounds had driven their quarry into a river.

Mrs Elizabeth Cunningham, aged 46, area director of social services for North Devon, was in her kitchen when she heard the hunt outside. She and her husband David, aged 43, ran down to the river and grabbed the stag. They subsequently released the animal into nearby woods.

Van Straubenzee to retire

THE Conservative MP Sir William Van Straubenzee, aged 60, has announced that he will not be standing at the next general election. He has for 25 years been MP for Wokingham, Berkshire, where he had a majority of more than 32,000 at the last election.

Christian CND in protest

MEMBERS of Christian CND blocked the entrance to Downing Street yesterday as a delegation handed in a letter to Mrs Thatcher calling for "bread, not bombs."

Mr Paul Johns, chairman, said the demonstration was the culmination of Christian CND's annual conferenee.

More Leyland jobs to go

LEYLAND Vehicles is to shed another 446 jobs at its northern plants. At Leyland, Lancashire, 376 jobs will be lost, another 70 are to go at Workington, Cumbria.

The company hopes to shed the jobs by natural wastage and voluntary redundancies.

GCHQ hearing

THE dispute over the legality of the Government's ban on unions at GCHQ will today go to the House of Lords.

OBITUARY

TV series star

LEONARD Rossiter, who starred in the TV series, Rising Damp and The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin, died on Friday night after collapsing backstage during a performance of the play Loot, in which he had been appearing in the West End. He was 57. Appreciation, page 11

Religious row stirred by Tricolour in the breeze

Paul Johnson reports on Unionist attempts to close a new leisure centre.

WHITEROCK Leisure Centre, a red brick building on a hill overlooking West Belfast, is proof of the sophisticated facilities a concerned local authority can provide.

But this centre, with sports hall, swimming pool and squash courts, is becoming a microcosm of the province's problems.

Less than a month after it opened tonight's Belfast City Council meeting will debate a motion demanding the centre closure.

The problem is that a Tricolour, the Republic's national flag is flying — illegally — from the building. the Tricolour's orange, white and green is supposed to represent peace between Protestants and Roman Catholics. This one provoked a row on religious lines.

The leisure centre's origins go back eight years. The Social Democratic and Labour Party, which claims credit for the project, says Unionist councillors did not want the centre built in a Catholic-dominated area.

The trouble started last month. A majority of city councillors decided not to invite the local MP — Mr Gerry Adams of Sinn Fein — to the official opening.

Sinn Fein responded by staging its own ceremony, including Mr Adams unveiling a plaque in Gaelic. The Tricolour appeared at about the same time. Most Unionist councillors boycotted the official opening two days later.

The controversial Unionist politician Mr George Seawright will tonight demand the centre's closure until the flag and plaque are removed.

Sinn Fein says that the flag does not offend local people. A party spokesman said the Union flag on buildings elsewhere in the city was offensive.

A Tricolour has been flying over Andersonstown Leisure Centre in West Belfast for two years. Although this is illegal, the police do not intervene.

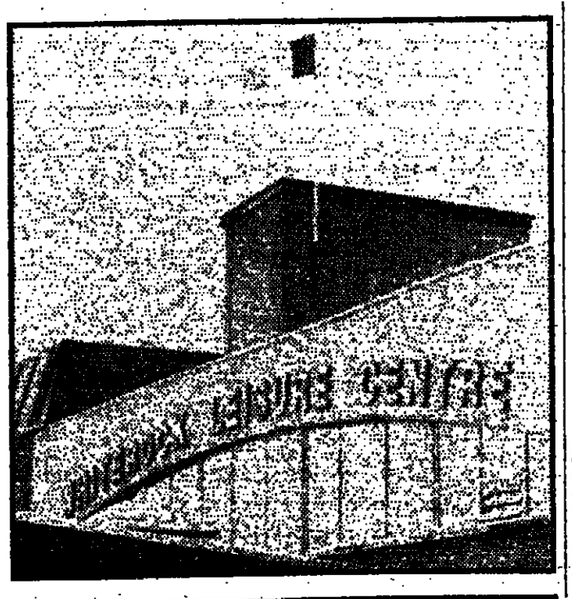
Sinn Fein claims that the flag issue is merely a Unionist ruse to attack the party.

Mrs Mary Muldoon, SDLP councillor and leisure services chairman, said yesterday that she had hoped the issue could have been defused without a public dispute.

"We don't want to see any flags on leisure centres. It doesn't help anybody and merely shows up the bigotry of the other two sides on the issue."

Mrs Muldoon is, however, confident that after some quiet diplomacy the majority of Official Unionist councillors will not opt for temporary closure.

● Right: the Tricolour flying over the Whiterock Leisure Centre



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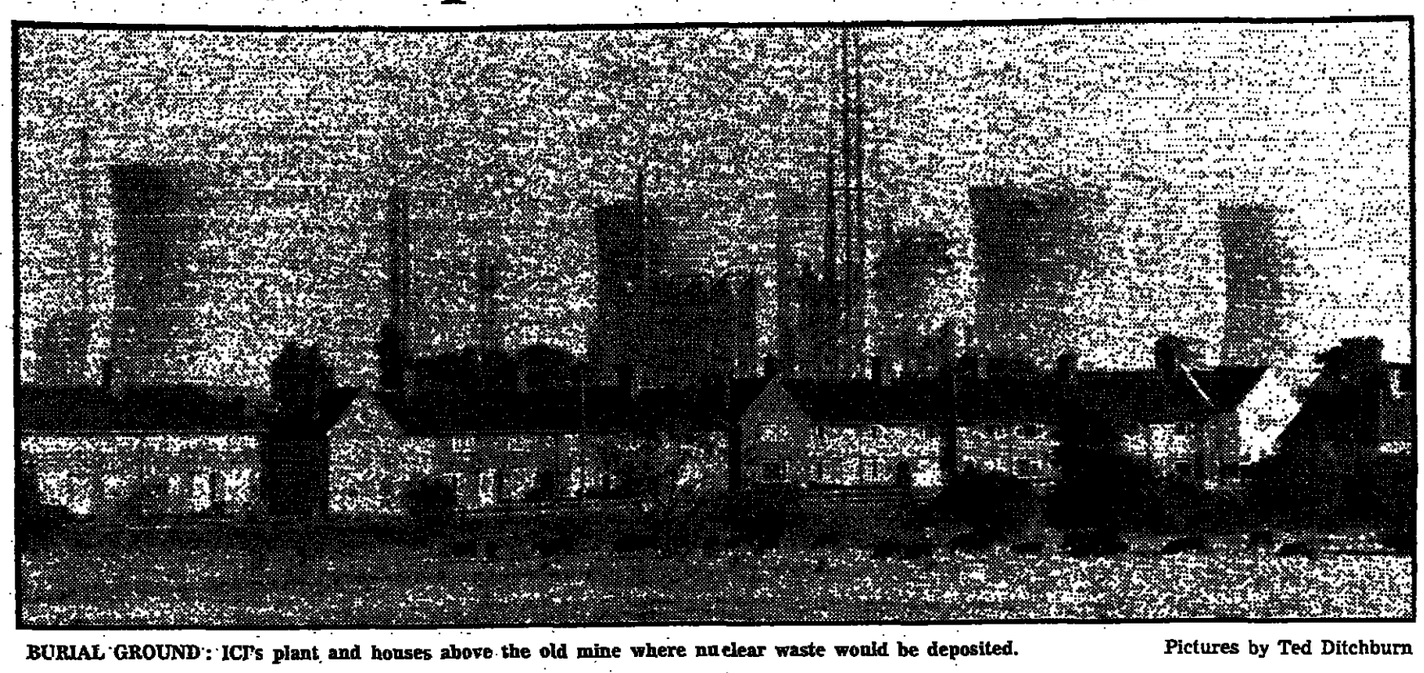
Town set to dump nuclear waste plan

Paul Brown on the coalition likely to defeat Billingham scheme



BURIAL GROUND: ICI's plant and houses above the old mine where nuclear waste would be deposited. Pictures by Ted Ditchburn

THE Government is being forced to rethink a plan to dump radioactive waste in Cleveland which could lead to the industrial town of Billingham becoming the nuclear dustbin of Europe.

When Mr William Waldegrave, the Environment Minister, visits Cleveland on Friday he will enter a political minefield. The protest group, Billingham Against Nuclear Dumping has brought the North-east's politicians, big business and bureaucrats together to make the Government's position virtually hopeless.

It is a year since the Nuclear Industry Radioactive Waste Executive (Nirex) announced that the huge empty mineral mine underneath the ICI chemical works at Billingham was its favourite site for dumping Britain's ever increasing pile of intermediate nuclear waste.

Cleveland, with the highest density of hazardous industries in Europe, might have been seen as an area which would accept another without complaint. But the initial anger at the proposal was followed by grim determination that the plan would not succeed.

ICI's ownership of the mine is crucial. Initially the company co-operated with the Government and Nirex, and said that it would accept use of the mine for nuclear waste if it was proved to be in the national interest.

The reaction of the company's 7,500 workforce and the rest of the community of Billingham, which lives over the mine workings, forced ICI to change its mind.

After further pressure on ICI's chairman, Mr John Harvey-Jones, the company has further hardened its position and has said that it will resist any proposal even to purchase the mine compulsorily, and would not allow Nirex or any agents to enter the mine or carry out any investigations. On Friday ICI reaffirmed its total opposition to the plan, and its willingness to use any legal means in its power to stop it.

This leaves Nirex in an impossible position. As a committee formed by the Government-owned nuclear industry it has no compulsory purchase powers. It must look to the Government to give it those powers if it is to take on ICI and acquire the mine.

Even if the Government were to consider the politically dangerous compulsory purchase plan, all other arguments against Billingham stand ready to confound it later. There must be two planning inquiries, one about the drilling required for the geological survey, which ICI has refused to allow, and the second about the desirability of burying nuclear waste in Cleveland.

The inquiry will have to hear evidence about whether the health of people in the densely populated Cleveland area will be affected by the constant transporting of radioactive substances through housing estates, and whether, once stored underneath them, it will be totally safe.

There is also the question of the safety factor of having 40 hazardous industries within five miles of thousands of tons of radioactive waste, and the fact that the plan has the united opposition of every political party in the North-east, every council, the Chamber of Commerce, and every industrialist.

Even if the dumping could be proved to be perfectly safe it would drive away people and jobs. In an area which has the highest unemployment in mainland Britain, with an average of more than 30 per cent out of work, and pockets as high as 60 per cent this is a touchy subject.

An industrialist ready to create 400 jobs initially, expanding to 1,100 wanted to set up in Billingham on the Central Electricity Generating Board's old North Tees power station site next to the ICI chemical works. The CEGB infuriated local people by refusing to allow the land to be sold because Nirex wanted it to sink a shaft down to the mine.

This public relations blunder has led Nirex and the CEGB to try to find someone to share the site with them when it is developed for a dump. They say that two firms are interested. The dump itself does not hold out any hope of jobs for the area, only the prospect of plummeting house prices.

Mr Harry Davies, aged 54, a Conservative parliamentary candidate, and secretary of the Conservative group which is only two seats away from controlling the Stockton council, said the Billingham mine project would be the equivalent of political suicide for the Conservative Government in the North-east.

"We don't see this as a political issue, but a community issue," he said. "This is our home, and we put up with hazardous industries because that is where we get our work. But putting a nuclear dump in an urban area is wrong — to bring it to this area is criminal."

Despite the clout of the political and industrial guns it is the dedication of the ordinary Band members that is the real strength of the protest, reflected in 12,000 letters sent to Westminster since June, 83,000 signatures to 10 Downing Street and the change of heart at ICI.

The full-time secretary, Mr Ian Wilson, gets £33 a week, £5 more than the dole, and works seven days a week. He is deeply suspicious that Nirex and the Government are not telling the whole truth about their plans. The 80,000 cubic metres of waste being talked of for storage is less than 1 per cent of the space available in the mine.

A recent debate at the EEC about the need for nuclear dumps mentioned Billingham as a possible site for all of Europe. Mr Wilson claims this reveals the nuclear industry's real plans. The site chosen has a deep sea wharf on the Tees, although Nirex has only mentioned the need for road and rail links. "We are not becoming the nuclear dustbin of Europe," Mr Wilson says.

Another member of Band, Mrs Susan Coward, thinks Mr Waldegrave should take the determination of Billingham into account. "There are literally thousands of people here who would lie down in front of the bulldozers and the trains if it came to that. Billingham will never have that dump."

The extra cost of storing the waste that no one wants has already been estimated by the industry at between £22 million and £27 million

In 1981 the House of Commons Select Committee on Energy said: "It would be unthinkable for any Government to commit this country to a substantial programme of nuclear power until there is a firm prospect that the problems of transport and long-term disposal of nuclear waste can be managed safely."

BANDING TOGETHER: Protest group member Susan Coward, Band's secretary, Jan Wilson (centre), and Stockton Conservative councillor and parliamentary candidate, Harry Davies (right)

Sizewell inquiry to hear of US plutonium deal

By Richard Norton-Taylor

Important new evidence that plutonium from British civil nuclear reactors has been made available for the United States nuclear weapons programme — contrary to assurances to Parliament by successive government — is to be put to the public inquiry into plans to construct Britain's first water reactor at Sizewell, Suffolk.

The evidence has been gathered by researchers for the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, and will be placed before the Sizewell inquiry by Dr Ross Hesketh, a nuclear scientist who left the Central Electricity Generating Board in the summer after publicly challenging government denials that there is any direct link between plutonium used for civil and military purposes.

Details will be revealed today by the CND Sizewell working group of a taped interview in which Lord Hinton, a former chairman of the CEGB, says that claims by Mr John Baker, the board's spokesman at Sizewell, that civil plutonium has not been used for military purposes in Britain or elsewhere are incorrect.

The interview was conducted last year shortly before Lord Hinton, who was CEGB chairman at the time the Anglo-US mutual defence agreement was negotiated, died. At the time of his death the CEGB described him as "uncompromising in his standards and unswerving in his integrity."

Dr Hesketh will also tell the Sizewell inquiry that a semi-official history of the CEGB, written by Mr Leslie Hannah, states that plutonium from the board's Magnox reactors was, indeed, sent to the United States for military purposes. New research, he says, suggests that as much as seven tonnes of British plutonium was exported to the US in exchange for tritrium and enriched uranium under the mutual defence agreement.

Whitehall has consistently repeated assurances, first given by the US to Britain in 1964, that plutonium from Britain's civil Magnox reactors would not be used for the manufacture of weapons. However, earlier this year the Reagan administration strongly opposed a move by Congress to back up this assurance by specific legislation.

The House of Representatives energy and commerce committee reported that in the opinion of Mr Donald Hodel, the US Energy Secretary "It is distinctly possible that plutonium used in or obtained from civilian facilities in the UK and the US will in future be used for nuclear weapons purposes in the US."

The Reagan Administration objected to the committee's plans to prevent British civil plutonium from being used in US military programmes, and has told Congress that America's entire stockpile of fuel-grade plutonium is to be turned into weapons-grade material.

The committee said that such use of British plutonium "could be devastating to the nuclear non-proliferation efforts of the United States." In a recent memo to the committee Mr Justin Bloom, a former energy attache at the US embassy in London, says that the controversy and civil reactors in Britain is now reprocessed in the same plant at Sellafield, Cumbria.

Mr Bloom noted that Sellafield is not subjected to International Atomic Energy Agency or Euratom safeguards because of its weapons role.

Kevin Hamilton and Tessa Pascal

A report in the Guardian on September 19 giving details of a report on the children of broken homes, prepared by Lord Tonypandy for the National Children's Home, was published alongside an agency photograph of Mr Len Murray cuddling a young boy, Kevin Hamilton. Mr Murray had presented Lord Tonypandy's report to the press.

We would like to make it clear that Kevin comes from a secure family background, lives with his mother, father and brother, and attends a day nursery run by the national Children's Home. We apologise if anyone understood publication of the photograph as implying otherwise.

The same applies to Tessa Pascal, who was also shown in the photograph. She, too, comes from a happy and stable family background and attends a day nursery while her mother is at work.

ANOTHER EXPEDITION TO THE SOUTH POLE ON FOOT?

GREAT SCOTT!

This year, Swan and Mear set out to follow in the footsteps of both Scott and Shackleton on their trek across Antarctica to the South Pole. And as with the original expeditions, Shell fuel and lubricants will be doing their bit.

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Housing benefit rules 'too complex'

By David Hencke, Social Services Correspondent

Cash help for thousands of pensioners and low income families is going begging because local councils find the Government's housing benefit scheme too complex according to a report published today.

Investigations in Glasgow and the London borough of Haringey disclosed many pensioners not receiving help who have subsequently qualified for housing benefit supplement.

Taken nationally, the figures would increase the number of claimants from 200,000 to 585,000.

Fourteen other councils are named in the report by Shac, the London housing aid centre, as failing to realise that their average rent levels are high enough to qualify for special aid. Another five are on the border line and could appeal for extra aid.

Low income council tenants and occupational pensioners in their areas are paying substantially higher rents than necessary.

The 14 authorities are Arun, Ashford, and Shepway in Kent; Bromley and Richmond-upon-Thames; Broxbourne, Essex; Colwyn, Delyn and the Vale of Glamorgan in Wales; East Hampshire; New Forest; Portsmouth; West Devon; and Wokingham, Berkshire.

The borderline five are Basingstoke, Hampshire; Rhymney Valley in Wales; Rochester, Kent; Washington, Durham; and Wimborne, Dorset. An unknown number of authorities are also not claiming extra aid for private tenants.

Mr Nick Raynsford, Shac's director said the problems arose from the complexity of the benefit system.

The report includes a survey of 52 councils which confirms many of the fears of welfare organisations.

The councils administer housing benefit for 25 per cent of the population, and all but one still found problems operating the scheme. All but three urged that it be simplified.

Despite increasing relevant staff by 86 per cent — creating 893 new jobs — each council employee is handling 34 per cent more cases.

The Cost of Chaos, Peter Kemp, Shac, 189a Old Brompton Road, London SW5, £3.95.

Denis Johnson on the grass roots party stalwarts who reflect the changes in the rural shires since the days of Jags and Ascot hats

Devizes Tories keep calm over leader's award

Tim Ormond: farms 800 acres

AT DRAYCOT Foliat and Manningford Bruce, Chilton Foliat and Manton Hollow, the Conservative representatives from one of England's largest rural constitutencies are packing their bags today for what promises to be a rather special Brighton conference.

It's not so much the issues of the day—though heaven knows, they're special enough. Unemployment, for instance. "Sometimes I think, 'God, there must be a better way'," says Mrs Christine Budd, chairman of the women's section of Devizes Conservative and Unionist Association, in the sitting room of September Cottage at Manningford Bruce (telephone exchange Stonehenge).

"I don't think we are getting our message across anything like well enough," says Mrs Joyce Jarvis, just back home at Worton House, Worton, after a fortnight in Majorca. "I feel deeply about unemployment, and I wish the majority of people realised that we do care."

No, what makes Brighton different for Devizes is the knowledge that they will have the unusual distinction of receiving from Mrs Thatcher the coveted and framed "Leader's Letter with Silver Ribbon" for handing over their annual financial quota to Central Office for 35 years without a break.

This is some going in the modern Conservative Party, where the landed interest, with its generous shell-outs, has been replaced by a middle class body politic, always in danger of seeping complacency. This year the Devizes quota, based on the Conservative vote at the last election, is £5,600, threatening the very foundations of Wiltshire village halls with a Babel of fund-raising.

Yet the Leader's Award is unlikely to prompt any wild parties among the six-strong group of representtives, mostly ex-officio, or seven if you included the agent. They are unlikley to meet at Brighton, unless the MP. Mr Charles Morrison, scours the hall to find them and buy them a pot of tea in the Grand.

They don't all know one aother, partly because the constituency is geographically so large (electorate ries of sixties satirists. 85,000) that newly elected section officers seldom meet.

The Devizes group reflects the change which has overtaken the active Conservative grassroots in the past 25 years. They come from deep within the stone and thatch of rural England, yet there are no knights of the shires, no Jaguars, no Ascot hats like the ones which used to bedeck the conference hall and still linger in the memo-

The constituency chairman, Mr Tim Ormond, who farms 800 acres at Draycot Foliat, near Marlborough, will be staying with a friend. So will Mrs Jarvis. The treasurer, Mr Nick Martin, and his wife, Rosalind, will join Mrs Budd and her husband, Stephen, a builder of industrial units, at the Roslyn Guest House.

The Young Conservatives' chairman, Adam Poole, aged 19, who works in the sales office of a building supplies firm, and his YC colleague, Ian James, a student, will get a lift to one of the YC hotels, though Ian worries about finding the £60 for the room.

They don't go to Brighton with uniformly uncritical thoughts. The only one hoping to speak is Ian James, who is 18, works as a hotel porter to help him through a two-year course in business studies at Swindon, and wants to be an MP. His father is a gardener at the Chilton Estate near Hungerford.

He hopes to contribute to a debate on a motion from Ceredigion and Pembroke North urging help for the unemployed, and sees himself as left of centre in Conservative terms. "More money spent on capital works could improve the resources of the country without adding massively to inflation," he says.

Tim Ormond's thoughts are even more unsettled. "Proportional representation," he says, "may become the right way forward. On defence, I'm a disarmer at heart. Should we be locking money up in Trident? Would we have put money in Spitfires in 1946? I don't know the answers."

Behind the heavy weeping willows at September Cottage Mrs Budd, a member of the parochial church council and WRVS emergency services organiser for Kennet District, has no quarrels with government policy, though she says that Mrs Thatcher's single-mindedness on unemployment is troubling members of her women's section.

"I'm happy with Trident. I value the quality of our lives rather more than living just for the sake of living.

At his detached house on a Manton Hollow estate, near Marlborough, Nick Martin, a solicitor, says he's going to Brighton chiefly to receive the Leader's Award as treasurer. Is he of the left or the right? "If I answer that I shall have a label," he says. "I support the Government."

Christine Budd: 'must be a better way' Picture by Garry Weaser

Legal aid granted in MoD action

By Paul Brown

Legal aid has been granted for a Greenham Common woman to sue Ministry of Defence police for damages after allegations that she was strip-searched while detained inside the cruise missile base.

Ms Stella Mann-Cairns was detained with six other women on December 14 last year after occupying one of the watch-towers on the base.

It is the first time that legal aid has been granted for a Greenham woman to take civil action against the police as a result of complaints about their behaviour and is expected to be followed by other applications. The writ will be issued this week and damages will be sought for humiliation caused by the experience.

The Ministry of Defence will not comment on the case, although in May Mr John Stanley, armed forces minister, denied in a Commons written reply that any strip-searches had been carried out at Greenham Common.

After her arrest, Ms Mann-Cairns was charged with criminal damage, but on February 10 the charge was formally dismissed by Newbury magistrates after MoD police had offered no evidence.

A week later Ms Mann-Cairns made a formal complaint. She was interviewed in March by an MoD chief inspector. Since then she had heard nothing from police. After obtaining legal advice and counsel's opinion she was granted legal aid and has decided to claim damages.

The Ministry of Defence said that the complaint had been passed on some months ago to the Police Complaints Board. The board said they had not received the file but had telephoned the Ministry of Defence, where an official said it was in the post.

Pay dispute could 'jam' local radio

By David Hearst

Independent local radio stations throughout the country face disruption from today as members of three unions start a work-to-rule over a pay claim.

Journalists, studio staff and engineers will be holding mandatory union meetings at times most likely to disrupt programmes, refusing to work overtime, and taking other sanctions.

Their unions, the National Union of Journalists, the Association of Broadcasting Staff and the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians, last week rejected a 5 per cent pay offer from the ILR management. They aer demanding a 12 per cent rise and are understood to be willing to settle at 8 per cent.

Mr John Foster, the NUJ's broadcasting organiser, said that the unions would step up their action within the first fortnight of the work-to-rule.

The average wage of journalists at ILR stations was £9,000, he said, but many engineers were paid below £5,000—the minimum national wage. He said: "Salary levels are abysmally low at ILR stations and we intend to start guerrilla actions to disrupt the working

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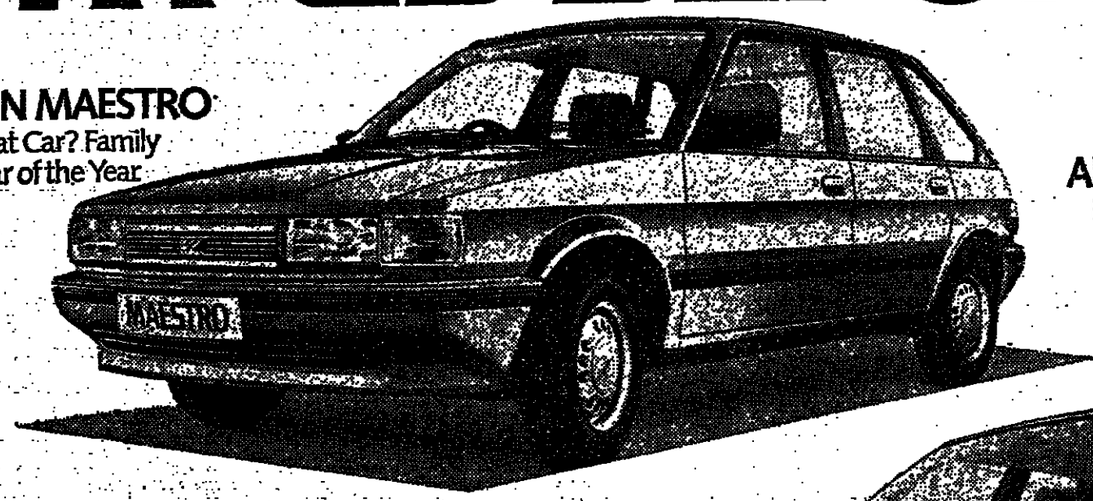

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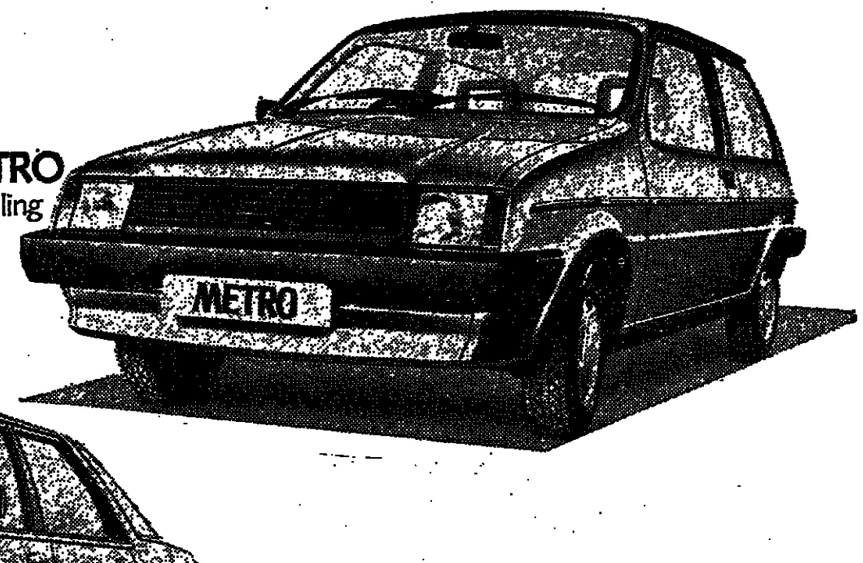

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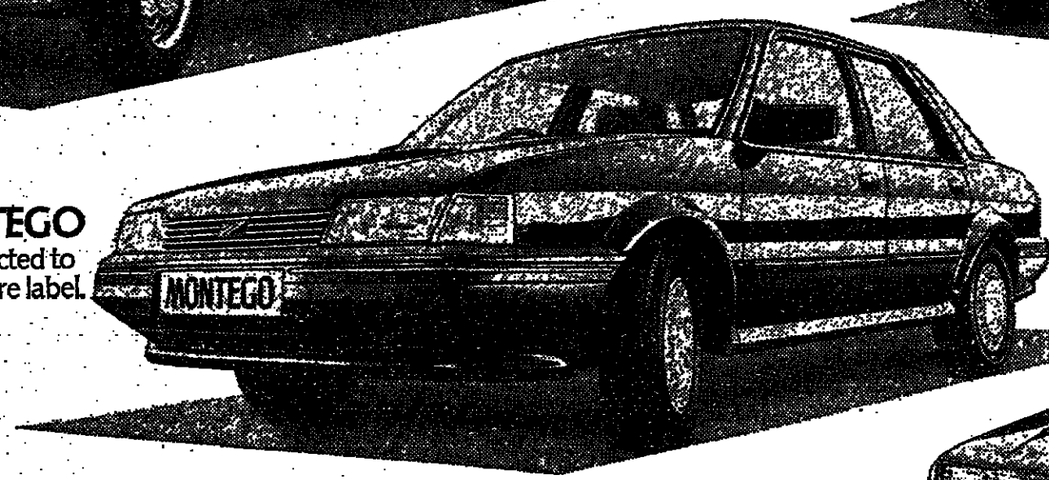

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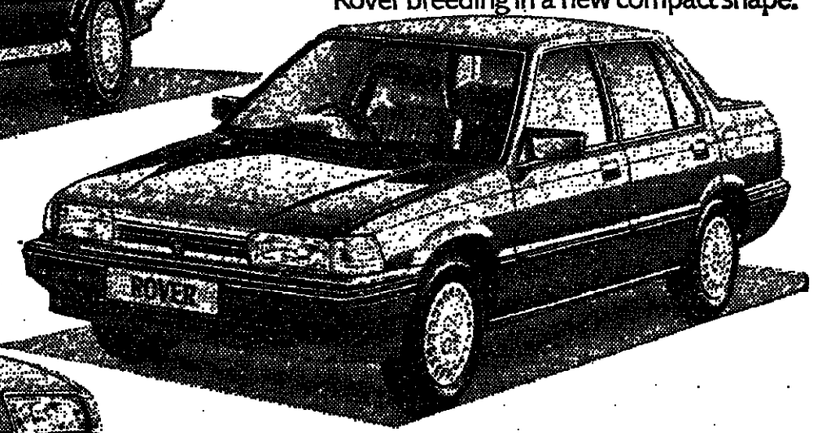

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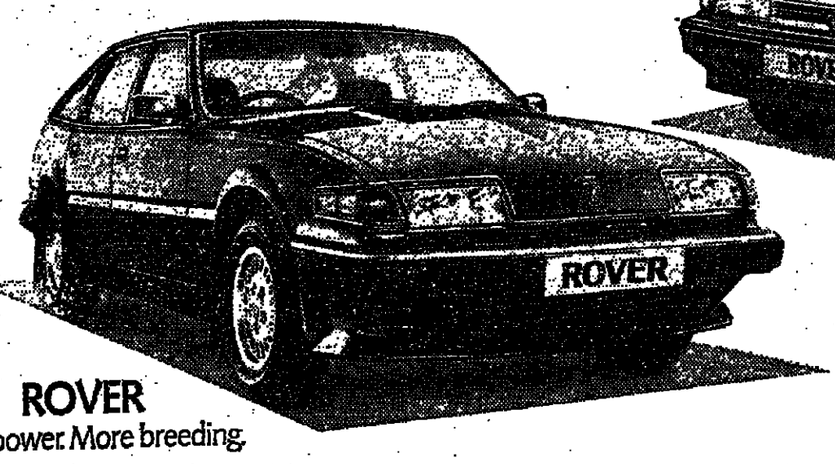

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Belgrade expels British reporter

Belgrade: The British journalist, Nora Beloff, left Yugoslavia yesterday after being expelled by the Yugoslav authorities on Saturday night, the British embassy in Belgrade said.

Miss Beloff, aged 65, a veteran correspondent and writer on East European affairs, left by train for Paris after being given 24 hours to be out of the country. She was accompanied to the station by two British diplomats.

Miss Beloff is a retired chief political correspondent of the Observer and was on a short visit to Yugoslavia. She said last night that two Yugoslav policemen visited her rooms in Belgrade.

They asked her to sign a statement saying that she had contacted "enemy elements" during visits to Yugoslavia. She said she refused and was then told to be out of the country by the evening and banned from re-entering Yugoslavia for five years.

A spokesman for the British Embassy said it would seek clarification of the Yugoslav action. Veteran observers said the move was highly unusual.

Miss Beloff, who has visited Yugoslavia nine times in the past four years, said she had been finishing a new book on modern Yugoslavia

She said that the two policemen and an interpreter searched her rooms in Belgrade for two hours and then asked her to sign the prepared statement.

"I refused to sign, and the policemen seized a typed chapter of my new book, my notebooks, and about 70 pages of translations of articles which appeared in the Yugoslav press," she said.

The policemen then stamped her British passport with the order expelling her and gave her a receipt for the seized belongings. She said she was not treated roughly but was prevented from telephoning anybody until the policemen left.

East Germany still refusing to grant exit visas

Impasse in Prague over 140 inside embassy

From Anna Tomforde in Bonn

The number of East Germans seeking refuge in the West German embassy in Prague was reported yesterday to be as high as 140, as Bonn officials spoke of a total impasse in the negotiations with East Berlin about their release.

West German newspaper and television reports said that the number inside was much higher than the previous estimate of about 100 men, women and children, demanding to be allowed out to go to the West. More refugees than originally thought have gained access to the building since its closure on Thursday.

In their first intervention in the affair, the Czechoslovak authorities on Saturday posted 24-hour police guards in the cobbled streets around the embassy to check the papers of passers-by. Security has also been tightened at the near-by American embass.

Meanwhile, efforts b top level East and West German negotiators to solve the occupation remained deadlocked yesterday. On his return from talks in East Berlin, the state secretary in Bonn's ministry for inter-German relations, Mr Ludwig Rehlinger, said: "We are racking our brains but so far I cannot see how we shall get out of this situation."

East Germany, which at the weekend celebrated its 35th anniversar, is understood to want to use the incident as a deterrent to other would-be emigrants, and is still not prepared to discuss granting exit visas. It has promised the refugees freedom from arrest and prosecution if they return home.

But the refugees as well as Prague-based western diplomats, believe that they might not be permitted to resume their normal jobs, lives and education if no arrangement is found for them to emigrate, and they are forced to go back to East Germany.

One youn: woman told a reporter before entering the building with her husband and child that if sent back home her child would go into a home and she and her husband would be gaoled. She said earlier pleas to be allowed to emigrate had been ignored.

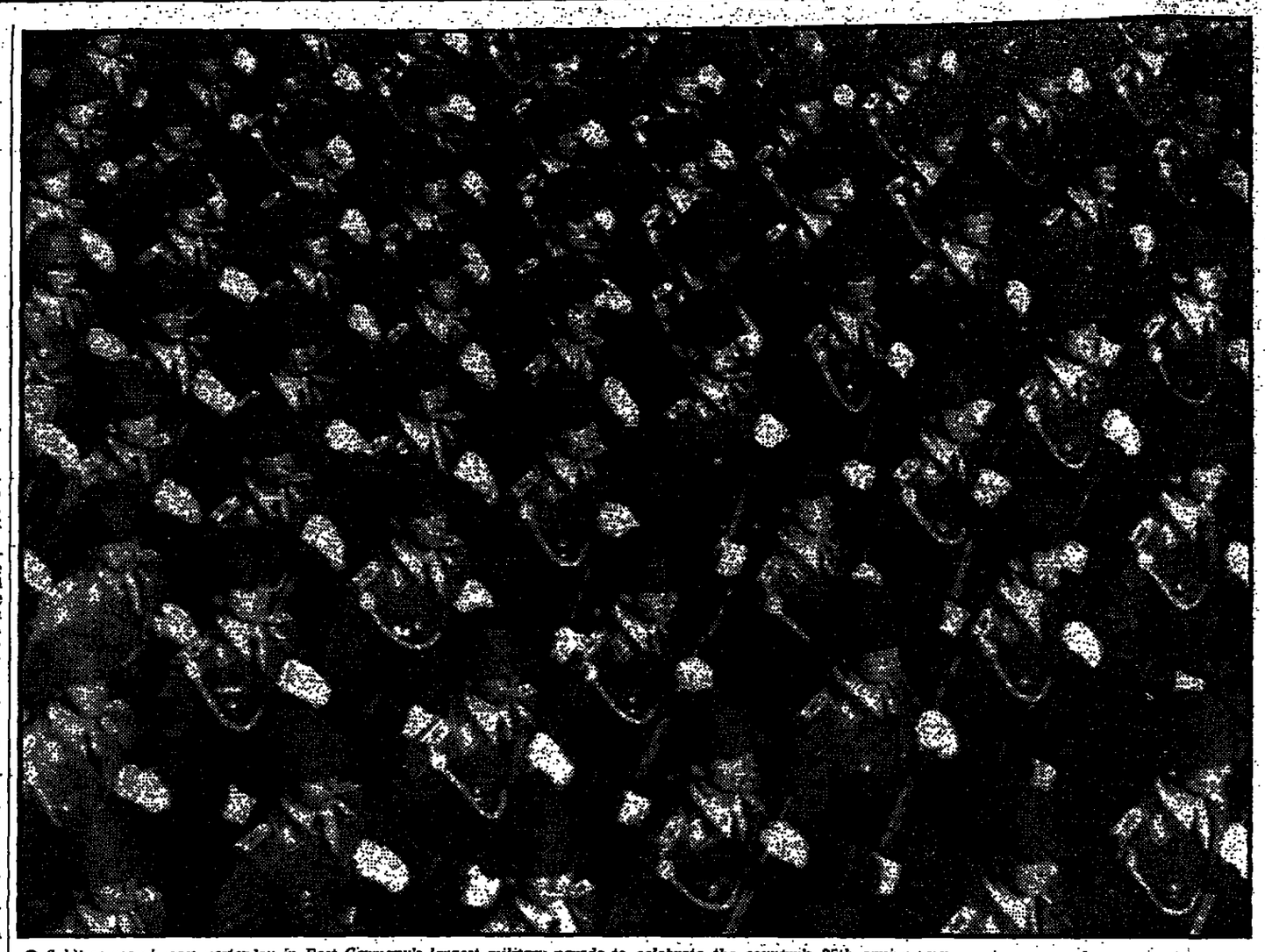
East Germany told Bonn that the men, women and children can return to their homes without facing punishment during intensive negotiations to end the occupation.

Bonn officials said that negotiations focused on finding a lasting solution to the problem of East Germans seeking refuge in diplomatic missions, and West Germany had made clear that this could best be achieved by East Germany relaxing travel regulations.

Chancellor Kohl, who left for a week-long trip to China at the weekend, said Bonn would do everything possible to solve the problem, but added there was little his officials could do as it was a matter for the East Germans to decide.

The rightwing mass circulation Bild am Sonntag reported that more refugees had climbed an 8ft fence into the embassy gardens since last Friday, pushing children through the fence's iron bars. But there aws no independent confirmation of this account.

The refugees in the embassy, housed in the splendid baroque Lobkowitz palace, are sleeping on chairs, camp beds, and on the floor.



● *Soldiers march past yesterday in East Germany's largest military parade to celebrate the country's 35th anniversary*

Nato to counter terror attacks on missile sites

WASHINGTON: Nato defence ministers meeting in Italy this week will discuss new measures to defend the West against terrorist attacks on Pershing II and cruise missile sites in Western Europe, a senior US official said.

He said the measures included new security gates at missile sites and at other nuclear bases, increased readiness by guards and new watchtowers.

A report to the ministers will be made by a Nato weapons protection group headed by Richard Wagner, a senior aide of the US Defence Secretary, Mr Weinberger.

The official also said that one of the highest priorities of a special Soviet force known by its acronym Spetsnaz was to launch deep penetration strikes against Nato nuclear weapons.

The latest edition of Jane's Fighting Ships alleges that Spetsnaz is an elite group trained in the techniques of raiding, sabotage, reconnaissance, and political murder, and is controlled by military intelligence.

Ther US official said the Nato ministers would also hear a report on the deployment of Pershing and cruise missiles in West Germany, Britain and Italy, and the prospects for their deployment in Holland and Belgium.

The Soviet Union had already deployed about 278 of its new SS20 missile and was preparing sites for additional missiles, the official said.

Mr Weinberger leaves Washington for the Nato meeting tomorrow and he will report to his fellow ministers on the recent talks on arms control matters and East-West relations between President Reagan and the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Gromyko.

He will later visit Tunisia, Egypt, and Israel.

Newspaper bought

Milan: Italy's most prestigious newspaper, Corriere della Sera, has been bought by a consortium backed by the country's financial and industrial elite, judicial sources said yesterday.

The Milan-based Corriere, Italy's most widely-read newspaper, with a circulation averaging just over 600,000, had been under court-appointed administration for two years together with the Rizzoli publishing house which controls it.

The newspaper came close to bankruptcy in 1982, burdened by debts incurred through the association of its previous owners, the Rizzoli family, with Banco Ambrosiano, the Milan bank which crashed in the same year.

One of the magistrates responsible for finding a buyer for Rizzoli, Antonio Pizzi, said the takeover by a consortium headed by a finance company called Gemina was finalised on Saturday night.

Gemina is controlled by the Agnelli family, who own Fiat, the Pirellis, proprietors of the international tyre group of the same name, and by a state-owned merchant bank, Mediobanca.

Also involved in the £53 million deal are an investment company owned by Montedison, Italy's largest chemical concern, and a group of Catholic financiers.

The shares had been seized by magistrates after the two men were arrested and charged last year with involvement in the fraudulent collapse of Banco Ambrosiano. Gemina has also negotiated to buy a 40 per cent stake in Rizzoli held by La Centrale, the former financial holding Company of the defunct Ambrosiano. — Reuter.

Italian Left says Andreotti must go

From Campbell Page in Rome

The Communist Party yesterday urged the Foreign Minister, Mr Giulio Andreotti, to resign after a controversial parliamentary debate and vote on his relationship with the failed banker, Michele Sindona.

A leading article in the party newspaper, L'Unita, said that the vote, in which Mr Andreotti had the support of only 199 out of the 454 deputies in the Chamber, could not be ignored. His position had become untenable and he should draw the proper conclusions.

In Thursday's debate, Mr Andreotti, one of the great names in the Christian Democrat Party and prime minister in five previous governments, survived a motion by the Radical Party and Proletarian Democracy calling for his resignation because the Communists, as the main opposition party, abstained.

Those 154 votes were decisive in saving Mr Andreotti, but the Communist leadership announced the next day that the foreign minister should resign anyway. Abstention in the voting could not be regarded as absolution.

Communist deputies had no time to consult party headquarters before the vote, but the party is brushing aside charges of ambiguity by emphasising the seriousness of the 101 votes cast against Mr Andreotti. Half of those came from members of the ruling majority.

Mr Andreotti, noted for his brief and ironic response to criticism, yesterday defended himself at length in an article in the newspaper, Il Tempo.

Referring to Sindona, who is serving a 25-year sentence in the United States, but was extradited temporarily to Italy for questioning by magistrates, Mr Andreotti said that he had never been asked for favours. Moreover, as foreign minister, he had helped to introduce the new agreement between Italy and the United States which allowed temporary extradition, as in the case of Mr Sindona's return earlier this month.

Mr Andreotti also attacked a recent suggestion that he had been hostile to the work of the high commissioner against the Mafia, General Dalla Chiesa, who was assassinated in Palermo in September, 1982.

A new book by the general's son claims that Mr Andreotti turned tail when the general said he was investigating Christian Democrat politicians in Sicily who were close to Mr Andreotti. Mr Andreotti dismissed the allegations as false and said that his relations with the general had always been excellent.

Mr Andreotti believed that he had become a target for attack because of opposition to some of his policies as foreign minister and also to his possible emergence as a candidate in next year's presidential election. It could also be an attempt to damage the entire Christian Democrat Party. "Political life is sometimes like billiards. People aim at the cushion in order to reach other objectives," he said.

Sindona is reported to have said in prison that Mr Andreotti had helped not him personally but his bank. Unlike other politicians, he had never sought money in return.

Pope aims at Mafia

Reggio Calabria, Italy: The Pope, gazing at the coastline of Sicily, where the Mafia originated, urged italian youth yesterday to become a determining moral force against organised crime.

On the last stop of this three-day tour of Italy's poor south, he told some 20,000 flag-waving young people in front of a church: "Never succumb to the temptation of criminal and mafioso violence.

"You must be the most determining moral force to defeat every kind of mentality that leads to insolence, to oppression and vendetta."

He also told the young people that they had an obligation to help their peers who had "fallen into the snare of organised delinquency and who want to liberate and redeem themselves."

Earlier, when he arrived in Reggio, the Pope spoke out again about "the phenomenon of criminal and mafia activmore Christian Calabria," the ity" and the Mafia's code of silence, known by the Italian word "omerta."

He has been condeming organised crime from the start of his Calabrian trip on Friday but yesterday was the first time on this tour that he had used the word Mafia.

In his address, the Pope referred to the internationally famous Christ Stopped at Eboli, the book which became a symbol of the poverty in southern Italy after the Second World war.

"Christ did not stop at Eboli. He is walking here with you, to build together with you a more just, more human, Pope said.—Reuter.

Britain near top of league for EEC regional grants

From Derek Brown in Brussels

Five of the 10 EEC countries received more than 95 per cent of the Community's regional fund grants between them last year. Britain, as the second biggest recipient, obtained £275 million.

The EEC Commission's annual report on regional fund operations shows that allocations are being increasingly concentrated in the poorest regions of the community, with Italy getting 39 per cent of last year's grants, Britain 22 per cent, and Greece 17 per cent.

France and the Irish Republic also received significant shares, but the remaining five member states — Germany, Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg—received 4.5 per cent of total funds between them.

In total, slightly more than two billion European currency units (about £1.2 billion) were spent last year, raising the total since the fund started in 1975 to £5.4 billion.

Nine-tenths of the money spent last year went towards infrastructure improvements, and most of the rest on direct investments, to create or maintain some 62,000 jobs. Since the fund started in 1975, nearly 486,000 jobs have been created, and 83,380 more preserved, with the help of regional fund support measures. In Britain, the jobs figures are 109,790 created, and 52,590 maintained.

The annual budget of the European Regional Development fund (ERDF) amounts to only .08 per cent of community gross domestic product, and is dwarfed in EEC terms by the cost of the Common Agricultural Policy, now topping £10 billion.

"Even so," the annual report says "ERDF assistance can represent up to 20 per cent, and sometimes more, of total public and private sector investment in some regions, and can, therefore, be an important element in regional development.

The ERDF is just one of the European programmes for assisting the poorest regions. Further aid comes from the EEC Social Fund, the European Investment Bank, intetrest rate subsidies, and various farm improvement subsidies.

The Community is working to coordinate and thus enhance the impact of the different types of aid, in so-called integrated operations in Belfast and Naples. Last year, the annual report notes, the Commission decided to co-finance 16 preparatory studies for further integrated operations.

France sends neo-Nazi back to West Germany

From our Correspondent in Bonn

France deported at the weekend Michael Kuenhnen, West Germany's most notorious neo-Nazi leader. He was immediately imprisoned in Cologne and faces trial for the distribution of Nazi propaganda.

Kuenhnen, a 29-year-old former Bundeswehr lieutenant, fled to Paris in April, evading trial. He is also due to serve an eight-month sentence for perjury.

Kuenhnen's group, the Action Front of National Socialists, was banned by the Interior Ministry last December. It is said to have almost 400 active members in 32 local organisations.

While group members have gone on trial for bank robberies and the murder of a former colleague, Kuenhnen himself has got away with a series of minor sentences since the group was founded in 1977. He was dishonourably discharged from the Bundeswehr on account of his activities in 1979, while studying at the Hamburg military academy.

Diplomatic wrong note

Oslo: The wife of a Soviet diplomat here was arrested and detained briefly by police after trying to cash a $500 note that went out of circulation in 1937.

The woman, who has not been named, took the note to an Oslo bank and asked for it to be changed into Norwegian crowns. Staff at the bank became suspicious when they discovered production of $500-notes ceased in 1937, but the woman agreed to leave the note at the bank for examination and return the following day. She returned three days later and was arrested.—Reuter.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Strike call in Malta

THE Maltese Confederation of Trade Unions yesterday called on its 15,000 members to stage a one-day strike on Wednesday in support of striking teachers locked out of government schools.

The vice-president of the union, Mr Maurice Agius, said that the Government was using the lockout to put pressure on the teachers, who want better pay and conditions. Malta's 72 private Catholic schools have remained closed since last Monday because of a dispute about private education with the Government.—Reuter.

Liberians freed

THE PRESIDENT of Liberia, General Samuel Doe, yesterday ordered the release of a university professor, Amos Sawyer, and nine other people detained in August in connection with an alleged plot to overthrow him. Also to be freed was the deputy speaker of the Interim National Assembly, General Nicholas Podier. — Reuter.

Hotline pact

NORTH and South Korea have agreed to maintain a direct "hotline" telephone link, set up to arrange for the delivery of northern relief aid to flood victims in the south, the Red Cross said at the weekend in Seoul. The two sides have agreed to test the telephone lines' performance twice a day. — Reuter.

Visa upset

COLOMBIA'S Roman Catholic Church has called on the Government to deny an entry visa to a Brazilian transvestite entertainer. The visit by Roberta Close "is but one more proof of the high degree of moral rot in the country," the Church said. — Reuter.

Russian 'dying'

AN IMPRISONED Soviet journalist, Valerij Martschenko, is dying in a Leningrad hospital, his mother told a Frankfurt-based human rights organisation at the weekend. Both his kidneys had stopped functioning and his heart was getting weaker, she said. — Reuter.

Amal shooting

A SHI'ITE military official of the Amal movement was shot dead yesterday by unidentified gunmen at the village of Arabsaleem in Israeli-occupied south Lebanon. Amal later accused the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army of murdering Hassan Saab. — Reuter.

Rats thrive

BARCELONA has more rats than people, a city report said at the weekend. The rat population was put at 1.9 million against a human total of 1.7 million. — Reuter.

De Lorean divorce suit

From Christopher Reed in San Francisco

The wife of Mr John De Lorean is suing him for divorce, thus adding new complications to the tangled financial affairs of the car manufacturer.

The suit from Mrs De Lorean — the former model, Cristina Ferrare — comes just over two weeks after the couple announced their separation, and nearly two months after Mr De Lorean was acquitted in a £20 million drug trial in Los Angeles. Mr De Lorean, aged 59, is still involved in bankruptcy hearings in Detroit into his failed sports car venture in Northern Ireland, and is under investigation for a missing £15 million from the company.

At present, all his assets, including the couple's three opulent homes, and his numerous bank accounts, are frozen. Under the law in California, where the divorce suit was filed, a wife is automatically entitled to half her husband's property. However, the three homes and a manufacturing plant in Utah owned by Mr De Lorean, are likely to be included in claims by his creditors, of which the British Government is one.

US general's libel action will open wounds of Vietnam War

From Harold Jackson in Washington

ONE OF the most controversial libel cases in recent American history will be heard by the Federal Court in New York tomorrow. It promises to open all the old wounds of the Vietnam War and revive the bitter domestic political climate in which that conflict took place.

The case will also give the federal courts — and probably the increasingly conservative Supreme Court — another chance to rule on where the boundaries of the First Amendment guarantee of a free press should be drawn.

The suit has been brought by the former American commander in Vietnam, General William Westmoreland against the CBS television network. It arose from a long documentary broadcast on January 23, 1982, which alleged that there had been a conspiracy among senior military officers in Saigon consistently to understate the strength of the North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces. The purpose, the programme claimed, was to show that America was winning the war.

The general called a news conference three days after the programme to denounce it as "reprehensible and irresponsible." He denied that the maximum Vietcong strength had been arbitrarily assessed at 300,000 in 1967, or that intelligence reports of increasing North Vietnamese army infiltration had been suppressed. The implication was that this deception lay behind American unpreparedness for the massive Tet Offensive early in 1968.

The general and the former US Ambassador in Saigon, Mr Ellsworth Bunker, said that there had been disagreements on how to interpret the raw intelligence coming into the military assistance command in Vietnam, but vehemently disputed that any of the data had been doctored or withheld from the White House and Congress.

CBS, which had drawn on the evidence of a former intelligence officer in Saigon, Colonel Gains Hawkins (who appeared ion the programme) stuck to its guns. In May that year, however, the independent magazine, TV Guide, published a long investigative report in which it charged the network with "inaccuracies, distortions, and violations of journalistic standards" in preparing the documentary.

In particular, it alleged that some of those interviewed had been specially coached on their answers, and that participants favourable to the general had been unfairly edited.

The guarantees of press freedom will be at issue when the former American commander, William Westmoreland (right) takes on CBS TV

The network instituted an internal inquiry which ended with a memorandum from the president of its news department, Mr Gordon Sauter, admitting that there had been at least five violations of the CBS news reporting code, although he said he still supported "the substance of the the broadcast." Eventually, the producer of the programme, Mr George Crile, was suspended for a year and has still not been fully reinstated by CBS.

Under pressure from former colleagues—and promised the financial support of a conservative interest group, the Capital Legal Foundation — General Westmoreland issued his libel writ.

Both sides have retained public relations companies to publicise their side of the dispute, and it is estimated that $2 million has already been spent on the pre-trial manoeuvring.

The general's problem, under American law, is that as a public figure he must show the court that the network acted with deliberate malice in publishing false information. His own deposition runs to 1,995 typewritten pages, and the lawyers on each side have so far subpoenaed nearly 300,000 pages of wartime documents. In many cases they were highly classified and the trial will be the first occasion on which they have been made public.

The libel action has lined up partisan forces on both sides and is seen as one of the country's most crucial trials since the days of the civil rights struggle. There are more than 100 witnesses ready to testify and, in a preliminary ruling two weeks ago, Judge Pierre Leval held that General Westmoreland had discovered enough conflicting evidence to go to a jury.

Colonel Hawkins, now retired, has repeated his original charges and will be one of the principal defence witnesses. "It was time to come forward and tell what happened," he said recently. "At the time, I thought what I did was right. I was supporting the command — you know, follow your damned leader. It wasn't like the German ordering you to shoot some Jews. It was a little more subtle than that, but it was unethical nonetheless."

His claims have been supported by other intelligence officers of the period, including one who now works at the White House. Mr Richard Kovar commented: "The programme ought to be rebroadcast in prime time on each anniversary of the Tet Offensive so that no intelligence analyst, soldier, or citizen who watches it will ever let anything like this happen again."

But President Johnson's former National Security Adviser, Mr Walt Rostow, described the allegations as palpably untrue. "CBS took a debate over a minor issue and built it up to a charge of conspiracy by a commander to deceive the President," he said. The former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, Mr William Colby, said the programme was "a travesty of history."

Few observers doubt that, with so much at stake on both sides, the issue will eventually wind up in the Supreme Court, a prospect that worries many in the television and newspaper industry. In recent years, state and federal courts have shown themselves ready to curtail the often raucous freedom of the American press.

There are the inevitable fears, therefore, that the Westmoreland case may see yet further erosion of the broad judicial interpretation of the First Amendment adopted by the Supreme Court in 1925. It then laid down the principle that the First Amedment freedoms—of speech, assembly, religion, and the press—are entitled to "a preferred position in constitutional adjudication."

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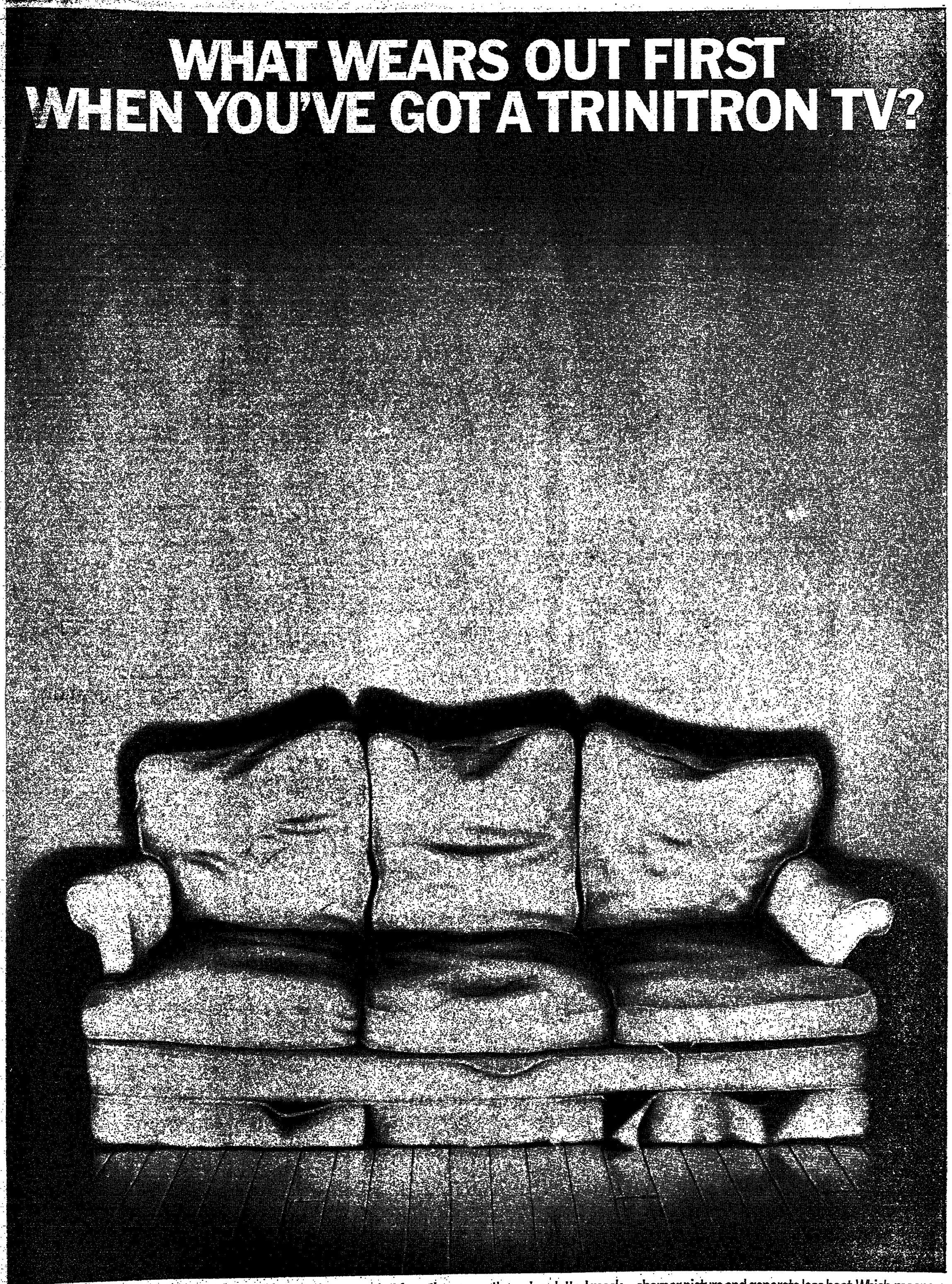

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Whatever will they think of next?

Crucial judgment today on legality of detention orders

Durban fugitives set to stay on indefinitely

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

The three anti-apartheid fugitives still in the British Consulate in Durban have decided to remain there indefinitely after the arrest of their three fellow refugees on leaving the consulate on Saturday, Dr Farouk Meer, of the Natal Indian Congress, said yesterday.

But, Dr Meer added, they would review their decision after the judgment today of the Natal Supreme Court on an application for the detention orders against them to be declared unlawful.

The judgment will be critical also t o their political comrades, Mr George Sewpersadh, Mr Mewa Ramgobin, and Mr J. J. Naidoo, all members of the Natal Indian Congress, who were detained on Saturday under identical detention orders to those at issue in the Natal Supreem Court.

Three factors prompted the three men who left the Consulate at the weekend to do so, Dr Meer said.

One was to challenge the South African Government to send four South Africans charged with unlawfully exporting arms from Britain back to Britain to stand trial in Coventry on October 22.

When Pretoria announced its decision not to send the "Coventry Four" back last month, despite giving an undertaking to do so in a Britiah court, it cited as its reason Britain's refusal to expel the six refugees from the Consulate or alternatively, to give the South aafrican police permission to go in and arrest them.

The three Durban refugees detained at the weekend were due to appear in court last week on charges under the Internal Security Act, but the charges were withdrawn at the last minute.

No reasons were given for the decision to withdraw the charges. But it was suggested in some circles that they were withdrawn because the court appearance would have deprived the South African authorities of their justification for not returning the Coventry Four.

A second factor for the "Durban's Three's" decision to leave the Consulate was to "challenge the British co ntention" that the freeing of five detainees about 10 days ago and the lifting of banning orders on the rebel Afrikaner clergyman, Dr Beyers Naude, made it safe for the three to leave.

The British view was purportedly conveyed to legal representatives of the Durban refugees by Mr Graham Archer and Mr D. Tonkin, of the Britishu Embassy. The arrest of the three on Saturday "made nonsense" of the British view, Dr Meer said yesterday.

The third factor behind the decision to leave was the belief that the United Democratic Front and the Natal Indian Congress could best achieve their objective of puiblicising their cause, and that of blacks in the troubled townships, by splitting their forces on a "three inside" the Consulate and a "three outside" basis.

Mr Archer said: "Our po sition remains that we won't force them out, but we hope that they will resolve the situation by leaving voluntarily."

Mr Archer denied that he or Mr Tonkin had told the refugees that it was safe for them to leave in view of the recent release of the five detaines and the lifting of Dr Naude's banning order.

● *ANGER IN SOWETO: black students raise their fists after police open fire to break up a protest*

Black youths challenge Pretoria's might

With at least 60 people dead in a month, township violence is becoming almost routine

From Patrick Laurence in Johannesburg

THOUSANDS of black youths are today almost routinely challenging the authority of the state in dozens of townships throughout South Africa, often at the cost of their lives. The scale of the incidents is reminiscent of the 1976-7 disturbances in black townships.

At least 60 people have been killed in violent clashes in the past month, and scores more have been injured in townships stretching from the industrial heartland around Johannesburg, through the Vaal Triangle and across the usually politically somnolent Orange Free State, to the traditionally turbulent Eastern Cape. Some observers believe the death toll is far higher.

Troops yesterday joined police patrolling Soweto township as rioting continued. Police fired rubber bullets at black youths who attacked a patrol there.

Newspapers routinely report the township turmoil, but reports lack the sense of urgency which characterised reporting on the 1976-7 violence, in which at least 575 people were killed according to an official inquiry.

It seems that South Africans of all colours have learnt to live with low intensity politically-rooted violence in the townships in the same way that they have apparently accepted as "normal" the high crime rate in townships like Soweto, where more than 45 people were murdered in the past week.

But the insouciance with which the white public as a whole has reacted to the township unrest belies its importance. Dr Beyers Naude, the rebel Afrikaner clergyman whose banning order was lifted last week, after being arbitrarily silenced for seven years, focused on a key factor in the present unrest: the preparedness of young blacks to defy the law and confront the police.

Dr Naude examined some of the differences between the unrest of 1976-7 and the latest rebellion.

Delivering the annual academic freedom lecture at the University of the Witwatersand, Dr Naude said: "One difference is the growing willingness of many youths to be shot and to die—not because they want to be martyrs, but because in deep discussions and debate they have concluded that may be the inevitable price they have to pay for themselves and for South Africa."

Dr Naude's point is substantiated by those blacks who refused to heed a ban on public meetings and assembled to pay homage to the black consciousness leader, Steve Biko, on the seventh anniversary of the death last month. Similar defiance was shown in the Vaal Triangle, where mourning blacks refused to accept the conditions imposed on funeral arrangements for some of those who died in the violence in Vaal townships last month.

The chief of the Defence Force, General Constand Viljoen, implicitly, but clearly recognised the political dimension to the township unrest in a speech in which he linked the turmoil to the "total onslaught" against South Africa.

General Viljoen said in a speech near Sharpeville, the township which has twice etched its name into South African hisory: "Since the normalisation of relations with Mozambique, there has been a shift in emphasis in the onslaught which has brought an increasing amount of terrorism, boycotts, and agitation in the black areas."

While many observers would quarrel with General Viljoen's linking of the unrest with the "Communist-inspired total onslaught," most would agree that a powerful political dynamic underlies the unrest — that its roots lie, ultimately, in black dissatisfaction with their political lot.

A salient feature of the unrest has been the physical and often murderous attacks on members of the controversial township councils. Established last year under the Black Local Authorities Act, the councils were offered to blacks as partial compensation for their exclusion from South Africa's new triracial constitution for whites, Coloureds, and Indians.

Judging from the low polls in last year's council elections, they were rejected by the overwhelming majority of township residents in much the same way as the Coloured and Indian communities spurned the offer in August to elect representatives to the Coloured and Indian chambers of the new parliament.

With one or two exceptions, polls in the town council elections were lower than the already low polls in 1977-8 for the community councils which the new councils were designed to replace. As a consequence, representatives of these councils lacked popular legitimacy and were seen by many blacks as "collaborators."

A study by political scientists at Rand Afrikaans University last year showed that blacks felt more angry at the thought of triracial rule by whites, Coloureds, and Indians than at the prospect of continued uniracial white rule.

Their anger was presumably directed against all those who made the new constitution possible, including black councillors who accepted a limited form of local self-government in the townships as a substitute for representation for blacks in Parliament. Their anger was ignited by the decision of the Lekoa town council in the Vaal Triangle to raise house rentals and service charges.

Whatever the precise sociology of the underlying causes for the hatred of the councillors, there is no mistaking its virulence. Four councillors were brutally murdered in the Vaal Triangle and several had to flee for their lives. Since then, there have been several petrol bomb attacks on the vidual councillors.

Popular pressure has brought about a partial collapse of the township council system, on which white indirect rule of the townships largely depends. In Ratanda, near Heidelberg, the entire council has resigned, while in several more townships around Johannesburg and in the Vaal Triangle there have been a spate of resignations from individual councillors.

The result has been that the police have emerged nakedly as the upholders of "law and order" which, to politically conscious blacks, translates as white rule. It has brought the police face to face with black youths, many of whom are boycotting schools in protest against what they believe to be "Bantu education" in a new guise.

In the political idiom of militant blacks, Bantu education is synomous with inferior education, as manifest in the lower *per capita* expenditure on black pupils, the lower qualifications of black teachers, the higher ratio of pupils to teachers and, perhaps above all, the high failure rate.

Last year, more than 50 per cent of black matriculation pupils failed to gain even a secondary school leaving certificate, a 2.5 per cent increase on the failure rate for the previous year. Less than 10 per cent obtained a university entrance pass.

Cash for the West Bank dwindles

Cuts in aid funds have hit the Palestinians. Now the Arab countries are being asked to dig more deeply into their coffers.

From Ian Black in Amman

FROM BEHIND a large desk in his office in Amman, Mr Shawkat Mahmoud, the Jordanian Minister for Occupied Territories' Affairs, has a fine view of a painting that symbolises, in a crude and rather garish way, the difficulties and challenges of his job.

the painting, sandiched between an engraving of the Al Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem and an official portrait of King Hussein, depicts a bearded and muscular young man, a Palestinian Prometheus, shackled to a rock while a huge black vulture, a red Star of David on its breast, gobbles voraciously at his liver.

Behind this ugly creature is perched another smaller bird, black, sinister and impassive, watching the agonies of the struggling hero. Its feathers bear the symbol of the US dollar.

"Yes, this picture is from the West Bank," Mr Mahmoud said proudly. So is the engraving of Al Aqsa, and the silver plaque from the Union of Palestinian Charitable Organisations, thanking him for his efforts on their behalf.

Of all the images in the painting, it is the dollar sign that must cross the minister's mind most frequently. For it is Mr Mahmoud's job to look after the financial support that Jordan gives to the West Bank and Gaza, to determine priorities and to help keep 1.3 million Palestinians on their land despite the pressure of 17 years of Israeli occupation.

The money, quite simply, is starting to run out. After the Camp David accords in 1978, the Baghdad Arab summit conference pledged $100 million a year in "steadfastness funds" for the people of the occupied territories. But instead of the $200 million that should have passed through Mr Mahmoud's office in the last two years, only $27 million have been received.

Some countries, like Libya, have given nothing. Others have made donations but not enough. Saudi Arabia is still a generous donor while other Gulf countries are feeling the strain of paying for Iraq's endless war with Iran and boosting their own defences because of the conflict. A joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation is to leave Amman on a fund-raising tour later this month to persuade the Arab states to put their money where their mouths are.

"This has had a very bad influence on the steadfastness of the people living under occupation" Mr Mahmoud said. "We have had to make big cuts in the funds we allocate for housing and for agriculture and also in the money going to municipal services. We used to give loans for individual productive projects when we had money. But now there is none left for that. That's why we are going to the Arab countries."

Although there are difficulties, most of the cash that does cross the river Jordan is either ignored by the Israelis or simply transferred in ways that they cannot stop as long as the policy of "open bridges" continue.

"The obstacles that the Israelis create are a problem," the minister said, "but the lack of money is much more serious."

Mr Mahmoud's job embraces all Jordanian state aid to the West Bank and to Palestinian refugees living in the East Bank as well. Half of his work, though, is shared with the other Jordanian government representatives and senior PLO officials who sit together on the joint Jordanian-Palestinian committee.

The committee is the single most important result of the slow rapprochement between the Hashemite Kingdom and the PLO that has helped heal the wounds of the bloody civil war of 1970 and 1971.

It is also in the absence of any progress towards a political solution, the only area where Jordanians and Palestinians can work together to do something concrete for their common cause.

Despite the worrying lack of hard cash, the committee generally operates smoothly, according to officials here. They dismiss attempts by the Israelis to discredit its work and deny stories of nest feathering and embezzlement, although there are West Bankers who have complained of partiality in the disbursement of funds.

Mr Mahmoud, naturally enough, will have nothing to do with such claims: "The Jordanian-Palestinian committee," he insists, "gives its support to national institutions and not to individuals in the West Bank. It gives priority to agriculture, housing, education, social development and the municipalities."

France and Libya start to leave Chad

From Paul Webster in Paris

Eight hundred French soldiers in front lines in central Chad began withdrawing last night as French intelligence confirmed that Libyan troops had started a mass withdrawal from northern areas of the former French colony.

Another 1,250 French soldiers among the 3,200 stationed in Chad for more than a year are also preparing to withdraw from forward positions to meet the mid-November pullout deadline agreed last month by France and Libya.

The French army began to pull out soon after the President of Chad, Mr Hissene Habré, left here for home saying that he felt reassured that Libyan backing for the rebel forces of Mr Goukouni Oueddei was ending.

Mr Habré, who had been angered by France's failure to consult him before negotiating the pact, said he was very satisfied with his two days of talks here.

Mr Habré had flown here to meet President Mitterrand and three African heads of state involved in Chad peace talks after complaining that Libya was refusing to go. But soon after his arrival, there were reports of the start of a Libyan departure. The main French listening post in Central Africa reported that on Friday it had intercepted a message from Tripoli ordering all 5,000 Libyan troops to pull back from positions held since the rebel advance was stopped by the emergency French airlift in August, 1983.

The timing of the message suggests that new diplomatic pressure had been put on Libya after Mr Habré's arrival here.

French reconnaissance flights also show that Libyan ground-to-air missiles in the key rebel stronghold of Faya-Largeau were dismantled on Saturday.

As a result, French troops at Biltine were ordered to evacuate the town. Transport planes were flown in, but the French will depend mainly on the fleet of 200 vehicles at the oasis town 450 miles north-east of the capital, N'Djamena.

A transit camp has been built at N'Djamena, but the troops' final destination has not been made clear. Many are expected to move to neighbouring countries.

The Biltine withdrawal is expected to take a week and, in the meantime, another 1,250 French soldiers will prepare their withdrawal from bases including Abeche, Atti and Moussouro, where 800 men are stationed. The rest of the force is based in or near the capital.

However, defence officials here said that the withdrawal would be progressive and would only take place if matched by a Libyan pullout.

The main French problem is logistical, as there are 3,500 tons of equipment to be sent home, excluding vehicles. Most will be shipped through the Cameroun port of Douala.

Officials here said that Mr Habré had been promised an increase in French economic and military aid after the pullout.

Two Italians beheaded by guerrillas, boy witness says

Maputo: Two Italian technicians have been kidnapped and beheaded by rebels in southern Mozambique for allegedly repairing sabotaged power lines, according to an 11-year-old boy who said he was shown their bodies.

Domingos Macamo, who was also kidnapped by the guerrillas with his mother and four other Mozambicans, told a news conference here that the rebels showed them the decapitated bodies at a camp near Moamba in Maputo province.

The Security Minister Mr Sergio Vieira, said that the boy's story confirmed a rebel message intercepted by the army saying that the Italians had been killed.

A spokesman for the Mozambique National Resistance (MNR) in Lisbon denied the claim, accusing the Machel Government of killing the Italians and blaming the MNR for the action "to damage its image as a political organisation."

The boy identified the bodies after being shown photographs of Mr Leonardo del Vescovo, a geologist, and a mining technician, Mr Alvise Detoni, at the news conference.

Both worked on the Italian-financed Corumane Dam scheme near Moamba, about 55 miles north-west of Maputo. They disappeared on the road between Corumane and Moamba on September 12.

Asked if the rebels had given any reason for killing the Italians, he said: "They told us the Italians had been repairing electricity lines which they had sabotaged."

He said that the Italians had offered money in exchange for their lives but the rebels killed them and took the money, anyway.

Italy condemned what it called the brutal killing and warned that it would suspend its technical projects in Mozambique unless security was improved.

Italian officials are to travel to the dam site to examine the security situation.—Reuter.

Deng widens Peking door for foreign businessmen

From John Gittings in Hong Kong

China's door to foreign capitalism will stay open for at least 50 years, Mr Deng Xiaoping has told a group of international bankers in Peking.

Offering much the same time-table as was recently extended to Hong Kong, the promoter of China's post-Mao economic reforms explained that it will take at least 50 years to "catch up with the developed countries" and perhaps even 20 years longer.

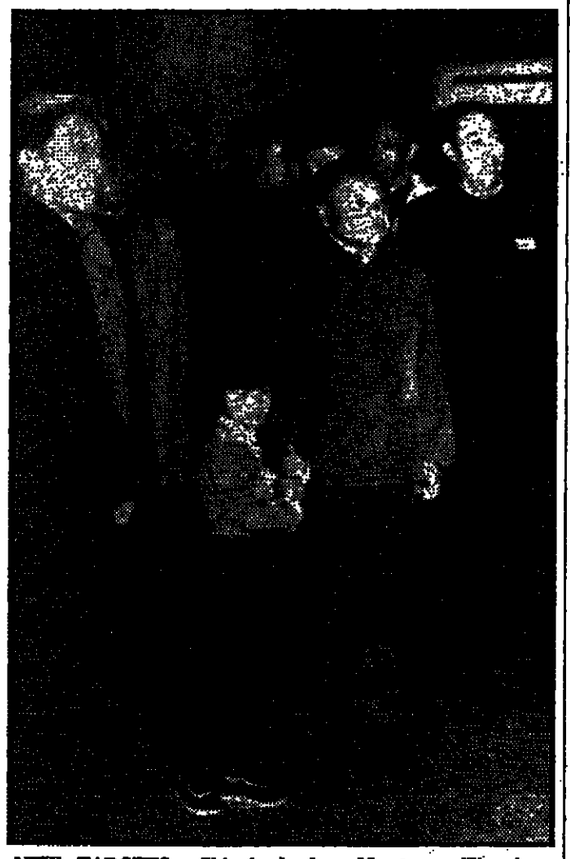
The bankers were attending a symposium sponsored by the China International Trust and Investment Corporation, which is run by a former capitalist, Mr Rong Yiren.

China also plans to introduce more incentives, including a possible tax cut to lure more foreign investment, Mr Gu Mu, a state councillor, told the bankers. The 30-year time-limit on joint ventures requiring heavy investment might be extended, he said, and the 15 per cent tax rate on enterprises using foreign capital in 14 coastal cities may be cut.

Those attending the symposium include the former British defence secretary, Sir John Nott, president of the French company, Aerospatiale, Mr Jacques Mitterrand, and leading bankers from West Germany, the US, Canada, Australia, and Japan.

Important targets in China often have fairly arbitrary time-tables. Mr Deng's calculations are based on the earlier date of the year 2001 (originally set by Mao Tsetung) for achieving basic economic strength, plus at least an extra 35 years to become a fully-developed country. Only then, Mr Deng said rather artlessly, might the open-door policy come to an end.

Meanwhile, China has announced that, starting next year, the state planning authorities will reduce the number of industrial products for which they fx production targets by half, from more than 120 to 60. They will also stop fixing planned purchase requirements for a range of nearly 300 agricultural products.



NEW TARGETS: China's leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, inspects Peking's Underground project

The targets will either be replaced by guidelines, or production will be left to market forces.

A similar shift has recently taken place in the scope allowed to local foreign trade corporations in China. Except for a few key commodities and factories, they may now negotiate directly with the outside world.

This in turn reverses a shift earlier this year back to more centralised control by the 14 national foreign trade corporations in Peking. The shift appeared to have led to a dispute between reform-minded economic experts and more cautious advocates of state control.

Six are killed in Indian sectarian clashes

New Delhi: Curfews were in force in several Indian towns yesterday after a wave of sectarian clashes in which six people were killed and more than 28 injured, the Press Trust of India news agency reported.

At Nagda, in the central state of Madhya Pradesh, a 24-hour curfew was extended until today after three people died and five were hurt in Hindu-Muslim violence on Friday night, PTI said. The feuding erupted during religious festivals celebrated by Hindus and Muslims.

In Srinagar, capital of the northern state of Jammu and Kashmir, Muslims called off processions marking their mourning day of Ashura after a woman was killed and three other people were hurt in street violence on Thursday.

Reinforcements of armed police were brought into Basti district in the north-eastern state of Uttar Pradesh following a bomb attack on a Hindu procession. One person was killed and four were wounded.

All India Radio reported that armed police were also sent to Belgaum in the southern state of Karnataka, where for the third day running all businesses and shops stayed shut.

Eight policemen were hurt when rival groups pelted each other with stones during a Hindu procession in Amravati town in the western state of Maharashtra on Friday night.

Karachi violence 'leaves five dead'

Karachi: Troops sealed off slum areas in Karachi yesterday to curb Muslim sectarian violence after clashes in which at least five people were reported killed and about 300 injured.

Sporadic fighting was reported here for the second day running, despite a strict curfew in parts of the city during religious processions, police said. About a fifth of the city's seven million people were confined to their homes in the north-eastern suburbs, where troops stopped them from even shopping for food.

The deaths, reported by hospital sources, were later indirectly confirmed by the Sind provincial government, which said it had appointed a High Cturt judge to inquire into the unrest "resulting in loss of human life and damage to property." Its statement, published by the official news agency, gave no details of deaths or damage.

The hospital sources said three of those killed were shot or stabbed and the other two died when a bank beneath their flat was set ablaze.

In Rawalpindi, troops and police were said to have used teargas to break up a Shi'a protest yesterday, and a local Shi'a leader and some of his followers were reported arrested. The Shi'as, who earlier set fire to an army jeep, had blocked traffic in protest against the attacks on Shi'as.—Reuter.

March peaceful as Manila tension rises

From Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Manila

Large crowds marched through Manila yesterday for a peaceful rally to protest against the violent breaking up of anti-Government demonstrations last month.

The march, which drew groups of militant leftwingers marching under numerous red banners, opposition leaders from the parliament of the streets and the elected Parliament, together with representatives of big business, was intended to display the breadth of the opposition to President Marcos.

But an additional effect of yesterday's rally, analysts believe, will be to give new impetus to street demonstrations at a time of rising tension as the Philippines awaits publication of a report by the official board investigating the murder of the opposition leader, Benigno Aquino, in August, 1983.

President Marcos warned last week that illegal rallies would be dispersed by the security forces. But fears that yesterday's march would end in violent confrontation was defused when businessmen applied for and received a permit for the march from the president.

Security forces were said to have been put on alert but paramilitary constabulary made no appearance near the march although extra security was evident in roads leading to the president's palace, which was the scene of a violent confrontation on September 22.

Cardinal Jaime Sin, addressing a congregation at mass before the march started, avoided reference to politics and concentrated on a spiritual message emphasising the virtues of peace and forgiveness.

His cautious, low-key address was a disappointment to some of his audience—"terrible," one nun said on emerging from the church. But it seemed to be an attempt to ease political tension and deflect charges of meddling in politics and violating the constitution, which had been levelled at him by President Marcos.

At a news conference on Saturday, Cardinal Sin rebutted what he called "astounding accusations," by Mr Marcos that he had encouraged rebellion and violence.

Cardinal Sin has been a persistent but very careful critic of President Marcos. His encouragement last week to business leaders get to get into the streets and demonstrate, observers conclude, was prompted by concern at the danger posed to the present political order by Mr Marcos'srefusal to surrender any power or compromise with demand for reform. Cardinal Sin is beieved to have been anxious to strengthen the moderate voice in the so-called parliament of the streets.

At his news conference the cardinal urged Mr Marcos "to take those moral and political steps, even at great personal sacrifice, that will restore stability and integrity to our country."

A meeting between Cardinal Sin and President Reagan last month has fuelled speculatioa that the church leader has been acting with the blessing of the United States Government, also frustrated with Mr Marcos's resistance to reform.

Members of Mr Marcos's ruling New Society Movement yesterday called for legislation to define more clearly the relations between Church and State and to set out the penalties for violations. But the matter of Church-State relations is overshadowed by and may be intended as a diversion from the overall national preoccupation with the long-awaited verdict of the inquiry into Aquino's murder.

Public interest in the report to be published soon by the board of inquiry has been stimulated by recent leaks to the newspapers by board members making clear that they will refute the military's assertion that Mr Aquino was murdered by a Communist gunman. The leaks say they will charge instead that he was killed in a military conspiracy.

But the underlying concern is that public disappointment with either the findings of the board or the response to them from President Marcos may trigger angry protest with the danger, highlighted by the police tactics last month, that they will develop into renewed violence.

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The Audi 100 has just been given the highest rating of any car by a leading consumer magazine.

As reported in The Times 5th October 1984.

West German cars, Volkswagen, Audis and BMWs, get the warmest praise and Italian Fiats and Lancias are criticized in the latest [redacted] published today.

Of the British-made cars the Jaguar XJ is rated "very impressive", the Vauxhall Astra and Cavalier and the Ford Granada are "good buys" but the Rover SD1 is considered "unreliable".

The guide's view of Japanese cars ranges from cool, for the Mitsubishis, to only middling for the rest, with the exception of the Honda Accord, the Mazda 626 and the Nissan Sunny, which are recommended.

The Eastern block cars do [illegible] badly: the soviet Lada [illegible] saloon is not recommended [illegible] the Czechoslovak Skoda [illegible] is "a poor buy".

The verdict "outstanding" [illegible] the highest-rating of all goes to the Audi 100. The new improved VW Golf and the Polo are recommended and the VW Jetta is "a good buy".

The BMW series is rated "impressive" and the others good, although cramped in the back.

Of the cheaper Fiats, only one, the Uno, stands up to competition, [redacted] says. They have a poor record for rust and reliability. The Fiat 126 and Strada models are not recommended and buyers are warned against the older Mirafiori.

The newer Austin Morris cars are judged less reliable than [illegible] the popular Metro is [illegible] have improved, except [illegible] reliability, and the new [illegible] is very roomy and [illegible] The Ital Marina is [illegible] and troublesome. [illegible] recommended."

Unfortunately we can't tell you which.

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Why Mrs Thatcher must give a lead on the miners

Francis Pym

TO SUMMARISE what I believe to be the genius of the Conservative Party over the last century and a half, I use these words: "At its best, the Conservative Party has always been broad in its view, national in its interest, tolerant in its outlook, constructive in its debate, and unifying in its aim."

This philosophy is always applicable, so what does it mean when applied to the biggest problem facing the Government today — the miners' strike?

"Broad in its view."

The strike is primarily political: on that ground alone it must be defeated. Arthur Scargill's tactics of no ballot coupled with violence on the picket lines cannot be justified, especially in view of the huge new investment programme planned for the coal industry and the generous redundancy terms.

However, there are other elements in the strike, most notably the prospect of long term unemployment especially in the old industrial areas. Some people will find other work or be able to move to find it, but for many the prospect of life with no future and little hope is bleak indeed.

I have long argued the need for the Government to show far more imagination over unemployment and to construct a strategy that will enable the country to come to terms with the wholly new situation that is developing. Failure to see the need for such a strategy, let alone construct one, has made this strike more difficult to resolve than it could have been. We ought to hear more of the human side of the tragedy of this strike, and how the country can best mitigate the worst effects of continuing high unemployment.

"National in its interest."

The damage being done to our country by this strike is very great; and the longer it goes on the worse that damage will be. It is not only the economy that is suffering, with lower output and higher energy costs, but people and families are being set against each other in the mining towns and valleys in a way that we have hardly known in Britain.

The scenes of fighting between the police and the pickets are awful to see, and must be having a thoroughly bad affect on many children watching. In other words this strike is a grievous self-inflicted wound upon our country, and it cannot end too soon.

"Tolerant in outlook."

We ought to have an understanding of the different points of view even though, obviously, we cannot possibly accept them all. In this case I think Arthur Scargill's conduct is one of which we should be positively intolerant. He is abusing the natural tolerance of the British. Somehow he has to be called to account.

"Constructive in debate."

We need to point out to the nation not only the dangers of the strike but also the choices facing us, the possible ways of handling the strike and the alternative courses of action. Even though we all want the strike defeated, negative action alone is not enough. There must be constructive ideas both for handling the strike, and for dealing with the problems we shall face when it is finally over.

We should take a fresh look at the coal industry and how it is organised. We should see if in the longer term we can transfer some of it into the ownership of the miners themselves. We ought to know more about what the miners themselves want. And we ought to hear much more about new job opportunities in the areas where pits have to close. There must be light at the end of the tunnel for those without jobs.

"Unifying in its aim."

The strike is extremely divisive: that is unavoidable because of the way Scargill has conducted it. The agony through which many mining families are going is hard to exaggerate. The sooner we can start the healing process the better.

In this connection the language used about the strike by politicians and others is profoundly important and directly relevant to the vital task of healing the wounds afterwards and uniting the nation again. There is no room for claptrap.

This is my approach and it has led me to argue that Parliament should have been debating this crisis continually from the moment it began. That is the place to debate all matters of national importance. I believe the nation is overwhelmingly anxious to end the strike—and surely the miners are, too—and that feeling can only be articulated effectively in Parliament.

The arguments surrounding the strike should be fully presented there, again and again. That in itself would enhance the unity of the nation just as it did at the time of the Falklands war. And Parliament is the right forum in which to debate every idea and proposal for ending the strike however bright or however daft.

In addition, because of the gravity of events, the Prime Minister should speak to the nation from time to time. She must also speak for the nation. The whole background of the strike and the dangers of it and what it means for the nation need to be explained constantly.

People want to know the facts. They want to know how their government, elected to look after the whole nation, look at the situation. They want their government to make clear what they are doing to lead the country out of danger. That is the way to mobilise public opinion and to use it in the battle to end the strike on an acceptable basis, a battle that far transcends any sectional or party political interest.

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OUT OF COURT

Geoffrey Bindman

IN A workable legal system the lawbreaker cannot be allowed to escape responsibility merely because he does not know the law. Every citizen is presumed to know the law, but the corollary of what would otherwise be intolerably harsh and unfair is that those accused of breaking the law must, by right, have ready access to legal knowledge and advice. So the United States Supreme Court decided in 1963, in the celebrated case of Gideon v Wainwright, and subsequent cases made it clear that the right begins at the moment a person is arrested and taken into custody.

Remarkably, however, no attempt was made to incorporate a similar right into English law until the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill. The closest to it was the statement in the Judge's Rules:—"Every person at any stage of an investigation should be able to communicate and consult privately with a solicitor. This is so even if he is in custody, provided that in such a case no unreasonable delay or hindrance is caused to the process of investigation or the administration of justice".

This rule has, however, proved insufficient in several ways.

Two separate studies prepared for the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure in 1979 showed that up to 75 per cent of requests for legal advice are refused. This would not surprise most solicitors who know how difficult it is to get access to a client in a police station. And that experience does not include the majority of those in custody who do not know a solicitor or who do not even ask for legal advice when arrested because they do not know they are entitled to it or think they would be refused. The Judge's Rules have never been understood to place any duty on the police to find a solicitor or tell a detainee that he may ask for legal advice.

Does the new Bill then solve the problem? It states plainly: "A person arrested and held in custody in a police station or other premises shall be entitled, if he so requests, to consult a solicitor privately at any time." Left at that it could do so, but regrettably here too there are qualifications. Where the person detained is suspected on having committed a "serious arrestable offence," delay of up to 36 hours in access to a solicitor may be authorised by a senior police officer. Lord Elton denied on behalf of the Government that this was aimed at dishonest solicitors leaking information deliberately to accomplices, and the possibility of accidental disclosure of harmful information by a solicitor is improbable.

At any rate, such a remote risk should not be allowed to outweigh a serious injustice and invasion of personal liberty. The restriction is serious and unwarranted, and the Government should withdraw it when the Bill comes before Parliament again for the last time later this month.

What is more, as Michael Zander has pointed out (Guardian August 20, 1984) the police will still be under no statutory duty to tell people arrested of their right to legal advice, nor to take any steps to assist them to obtain it. It is true that the code of practice which is to accompany the Bill will instruct the police to inform suspects of their right to legal advice, but the citizen has no means of ensuring that the code, which is entirely a matter of internal police discipline, will be enforced with any more zeal than the Judge's Rules.

However, where the code is observed, and apart from the 36-hour restriction for serious arrestable offences, a suspect will be allowed to contact his own solicitor or to choose a solicitor from a list supplied to him or will be able to ask for the duty solicitor.

The Government has taken some steps to arrange that solicitors are available to see suspects and that funds are available for this purpose. In many parts of the country duty solicitor schemes have been developed in recent years, but they are mainly confined to attendance by solicitors on a rota basis at Magistrates' Courts. In some areas a 24-hour service is available for solicitors to attend police stations as well as Magistrates' Courts, but the legal aid scheme hitherto has lacked the flexibility to enable solicitors to get paid for such visits. The Police and Criminal Evidence Bill provides for payment to be made under legal aid for police station visits, and the Law Society is now encouraging the expansion of duty solicitor schemes to make sure that legal manpower is available.

The current "green form" legal advice scheme needs amendment because the solicitor travelling to a police station to see someone who is not already his client will not know until he gets there whether the client meets the financial eligibility test; and if he does not, the solicitor cannot claim payment from legal aid. The Government has promised that for police station visits the financial eligibility test will be removed and the maximum cost limit (which the solicitor can incur without further authority) will be raised to £75. Solicitors will also be paid for travelling time as well as time interviewing the client.

If — as to which we must wait and see — the police change their attitude and obey the code of practice to the letter, this part of the Bill may actually increase the safeguards of the citizen, by contrast with other heavily criticised clauses which strengthen the powers of the police.

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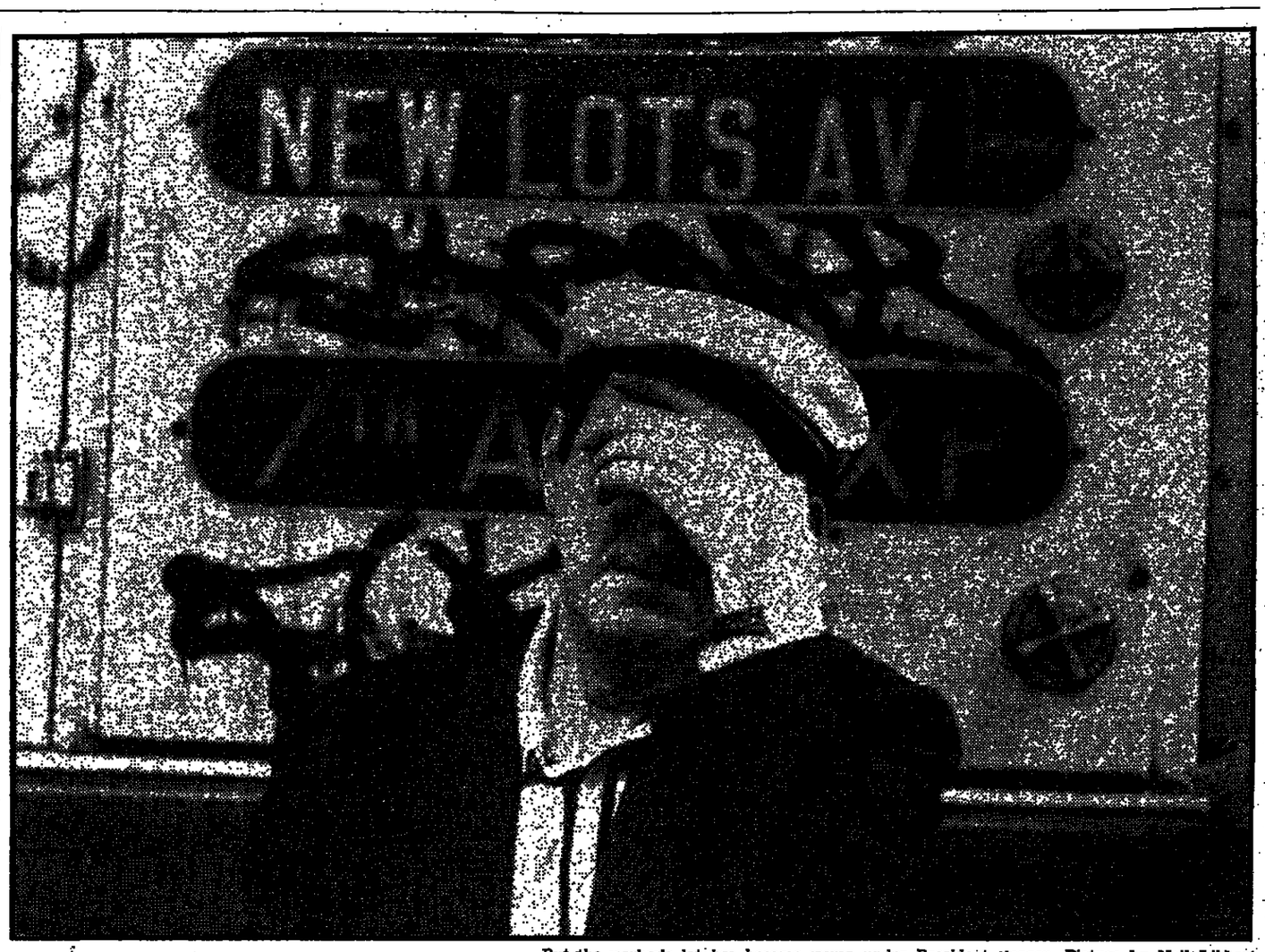

But the worker's lot has become worse under President Reagan. Picture by Neil Libbert

Two tiers for Reagan's USA

WILLIAM WINPISINGER

WE HAVE today in America a sitting President who, aided by the media, has anointed himself with a mandate to declare class warfare on the people. After having received only 26.7 per cent of the votes from among all those qualified to do so any such mandate was a cruel joke.

But in this campaign year the scene is distinctly different.

Basically I'm scared to death for the future of the trade union movement. Four more years of Reagan — and free trade unions and free collective bargaining as we know them may be wiped out. And, if that happens in the United States, it could as easily happen in Canada. The new Canadian government will doubtlessly take its cue from the industrialised world's two right-wing superbrats — Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan.

Canada and the US could become the first dominos in the downfall of free trade unionism throughout the Western world. Conservatives and right-wingers also hold power in West Germany, Holland, Denmark and Norway, and Mitterrand has had to beat a hasty retreat toward conservatism in France.

Survival is the issue in this year's presidential campaign. Survival of free trade unionism; survival for workers in the United States; survival for our trade union brothers and sisters in the British Isles and on the European continent; survival against the power of multinational corporate mobility, finance and greed, backed up by their willing conservative and right-wing accomplices who are running our public affairs for private interests.

And that's what scares me! It's a replay of the 1920s and early 30s all over again. Only this time, the fascism isn't so brutal. Not yet, anyway.

The Republican Party platform adopted in Dallas shows the party has been totally captured by right-wing extremists. The platform doesn't even mention unemployment, except to say Mr Reagan's policies have reduced it.

Reduced it from what? Unemployment was a little over 7 per cent when he took over. It's 7.5 per cent now, and he raised it to nearly 11 per cent for two solid years before it started coming down.

In effect, he sets the house on fire, and then takes credit for dampening the flames. A scant four years ago, 6 per cent unemployment was regarded as severe economic recession. Now 7.5 per cent is recovery? Whose recovery?

Mr Reagan's tax and budget policies are systematically depleting the middle class, while swelling the ranks of those in poverty—1 out of 6 Americans dwelling there, now, compared to 1 out of 10 when he took over—and he's relentlessly enriching 5 per cent who reside at the very apex of the income and wealth pyramid.

Over the last four years, 13 per cent of the middle class has disappeared—evaporated—with four out of five having fallen into poverty or its marginal edge. Meanwhile, only one out of five have managed to move up into Mr Reagan's ranks of "opportunity."

Mr Mondale is right. Mr Reagan is creating a two-tier society in America—the rich and the poor! Ask who is better off today than four years ago.

Not the 24 million workers unemployment compensation; times during the past four years;

Not the 10 million still unemployed who have no health insurance or no more unemployment compensation

Not the typical production worker, whose inflation-adjusted take home pay is a nickel or so less now than it was four years ago. Production workers' purchasing power has skidded all the way back to 1962 levels.

Is the rest of working-class America better off today than it was four years ago? Surely not the millions cast into poverty. The increase in the poverty rate is Mr Reagan's fastest growin geconomic indicator.

Not a million poor families who've lost food stamps — headed mostly by women with dependent children — or women who've had the Work Incentive Program cut out from under them.

Life is not better for a half-million women who've lost Medicaid benefits, nor for those elderly women who lost their social security minimum benefit.

Even those women who can find work earn only 59c for every male dollar of income.

Are young people better off today than four years ago?

Not those 900,000 who've lost free school breakfasts, nor those three million who've lost low-cost hot lunches. Ronald Reagan wants those kids to pray in school. What in hell will he do if they prayed for a hot lunch? Maybe he ought to understand that spiritual values are best preserved on a full stomach. Young empty bellies beget empty heads, dropouts from life.

Whose god is it that condones that kind of child abuse?

A fifth of all teenagers are unemployed, and the black unemployment rate still hovers at 40 per cent. If Reagan had his way, he would have young people doing adult work for $2.50 an hour and he'd lift all bans on child labour, even in hazardous industries. More child abuse!

Meanwhile, Reagan has slashed college student aid programmes by 20 per cent, and the cost of college has risen 36 per cent. He cuts aid to public education but wants tax credits for expensive private tuition.

Only the rich deserve a higher education in his "opportunity society." Well, that's not the way to make America great. That's the way to a two-tier society and endless class conflict.

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FACE TO FAITH

Frances Young

I HAVE been invited to lecture in South Africa. The question is, should I go?

In 1985 the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg will celebrate 75 years of existence. The department of religious studies is planning a three-day conference as its contribution to the celebrations.

This summer I received an invitation to be one of two overseas speakers and deliver a keynote paper on the subject of my choice related to the conference theme "Salvation, Secularism and the Place of Religion in South Africa and the World." It could be a forum in which the ideological basis of apartheid is strongly challenged; for apartheid is not just a political theory but a theological dogma.

It took three weeks to reach a decision and the issues involved seem worth airing. On the one hand I had always said I would never go to South Africa on principle.

On the other, was this not a chance to get into the country and say some forthright things, to exercise free speech right there on the religious and moral objections to apartheid?

One of the factors influencing my decision was the resolution of the Association of University Teachers supporting a total boycott. As a member of the AUT who felt so strongly the same abhorrence as those who had passed that resolution, how could I go, whatever my intentions, without being entirely misunderstood and seen as a compromiser?

I was warned by friends who are exiles from South Africa that the universities are the battleground, because they make liberal noises but do nothing effective.

I was warned that I would be insulated from the only things that are really important in South Africa — I could not see the oppression of the security system, nor the vitality of the liberation struggle. I was warned that my presence would be used whatever I said, and whatever I said would make no difference.

I decided not to go, and wrote a long letter outlining some of the challenges I would have presented to the conference if I could have come. For too long Christian liberals have turned a blind eye to the themes of sin and judgment in the Bible — as theologian and biblical scholar I would have explored this area, relating it to the current situation.

Amongst other things I suggested in my letter that they would do better to invite a South African theologian from the Black Theology movement, rather than a European intellectual.

It had been a struggle to reach this decision. Most people I consulted thought I should go, and it has never been obvious to me that boycotts are very effective. But I had taken my stand and had to face the pain when my motives were questioned in a reply from South Africa:

Isn't a cultural boycott just a cheap way of appeasing one's conscience and appearing to be a crusader on the side of good?

Wasn't this refusal Pharisaical and un-Christlike, a bit like a letter which said, "Dear world, I cannot be incarnate among you because I hate the deeds of Herod, or Hiroshima, or Auschwitz — with love Jesus Christ"?

Wasn't concern for my reputation my real motive in refusing to go and wishing to make that refusal public?

Those in the Religious Studies department shared my abhorrence of racism, and the conference was intended to sharpen the struggle to make sense of the fact that good does not seem to overcome evil in South Africa. They had invited South African black theologians; a leading American black theologian, well-known for his radical views, had accepted their invitation.

So wasn't my refusal silly?

Clearly my refusal provoked a reaction, and since they mentioned the possibility of circulating my letter at the conference, it may still have an effect greater than my presence would have

Few individuals have any real influence. Others have gone and there has been no change. It is through corporate action that change is effected. Whether or not I personally approve the boycott policy as an effective mode of action, the least I can do is to identify with the anti-apartheid movement at this one point of decision which has been presented to me.

And if I am to do that I must make it as effective as possible by doing it publicly.

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Does Sir Geoffrey's triumph of the till ring a little hollow?

Teddy Taylor

THE ONE flaw in an otherwise fabulous and exciting Conservative Party Conference programme is that no motion has been selected for debate which would enable the Foreign Secretary to explain the great victory which he had in Luxembourg last week in the battle for the British rebate of £370 million or so.

Of course there will be cynics who will argue that every Common Market discussion is reported as a triumph for Britain and that even in cases where the Frogs take us to the cleaners, the Foreign Office insists that a firm foundation was laid for the solution of the Community's longer term problems.

And there will be those who will argue that there's not much point in celebrating when the battle of the British rebate has already been won seven times without the cash actually arriving in the till.

While it is true that the rebate is not quite yet "in the bag," there is no denying that the Luxembourg deal not only offers a better chance of success than those promoted by non-Foreign Office ministers, but also contains a new dimension of negotiation expertise which could lead on to solutions of the international debt crisis and the problems of the Third World.

The sheer magnitude of the achievement shows up when we consider the previous failures. The first attempt came at the Stuttgart summit. Knowing how keen the French, Italians and Russians were on the Common Agricultural Policy, Britain agreed that we would not seek any major reform in the structure. This declaration, it was thought, should be enough to unblock the rebate.

But, sadly, this just wasn't enough because the Continentals had no intention of surrendering on behalf of their farmers the kind of policy which Arthur Scargill is seeking to achieve for his miners. So the rebate didn't come.

The next formula was a gesture to Europeanism. We agreed to sign something called the Solemn Declaration on European Union which committed us to all kinds of Euro-nonsense.

But although the Continentals welcomed our Solemn Declaration, they still declined to pay the 1983 rebate.

Then it was the turn of the sturdy Agriculture Minister, Michael Jopling. Spurred on by the advice of that section of the Treasury which still believes that three apples and two apples make five apples, he suggested that if we all produced just a little less milk and butter, we wouldn't need to spend quite so much money dumping it in Russia—and the cash saved could be used to pay the British rebate.

It did seem a good idea at the time. But when the British farmers got down to persuading their cows to eat less cake and produce less milk, we found that the Continentals, with the exception of Denmark where the cows were apparently on a work to rule, actually produced more than ever. So back to the drawing board at Fontainebleu.

The wizards of the Treasury and Downing Street combined to agree a two part programme designed to get the rebate released. Part One involved giving the Common Market something it had wanted for a long time—a massive increase in its cash resources

Building on the delight which this move secured, we then agreed to the setting up of a committee to compose a Common Market national anthem and to design a Common Market flag. This seemed to do the trick. It was agreed that the rebate would be paid very soon, and our delegates came home waving their scrap of paper and heaping scorn on the hapless Neil Kinnock who had been unpatriotic enough to say that there was many a slip betwixt cup and lip.

But then came the nastiest blow of all. The European Assembly in Strasbourg, which normally attracts as much interest as Civil Service Rovers playing Fords of Dagenham Shop Stewards Athletic Club on a wet Saturday afternoon, used its reserve budgetary power to block the payment of the rebate.

But then the real work started. In a dazzling display of diplomatic skill and elan, the Foreign Secretary struck on the remarkable and astonishingly simple solution

Within days, at Luxembourg, the other member states agreed—at least in principle.

The answer was that if the Eurostates wouldn't pay the rebate, if the European Assembly wouldn't pay, and if the Common Market was bankrupt anyway, we could secure justice for Britain by agreeing to pay the rebate ourselves—or at least a third of it!

In one fell swoop, Britain's negotiators had achieved a situation hen £120 million of our 1983 rebate was guaranteed absolutely—and no Council of nasty European Foreign Ministers and no silly Strasbourg Assembly could do a thing about it. And in a firm display of strength, of which Wellington and Nelson would be proud, Sir Geoffrey issued a grim warning to the French that we would not pay in one penny of the £120 million until they gave us a cast iron assurance to give it back to us.

This dramatic display of "carrot and stick" diplomacy not only paves the way to solving the British rebate problem, but also points to a way out of the international debt crisis which haunts the world's bankers and the whole free world. If the Third World continues in its failure to pay its debts to the developed world and to the big banks, we can solve the inherent crisis in a flash by inviting the creditor nations and banks to pay the money themselves.

Come to think of it, the formula could sort out my humble bank overdraft problem.

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Nancy Banks-Smith reviews the South Bank Show and Blue Money

Private on parade

THE pig, looking out of the window, had her back leg extended in an exquitite line from magnificent child-bearing hips to an uncommonly neat little ankle. I shall look at a boiled ham with bared head in future, remembering that grand jeté.

The first South Bank Show *of autumn* (LWT) directed by David Hinton was devoted to Alan Bennett, and, peripherally, the pig which appears in his first feature film, A Private Function. That's a terrible name. The pig's name is *Betty like Lauren* Bacall whom, in other respects it does not resemble. Betty is kidnapped, of course. This is par for the course for pigs in English literature. From Tom the Piper's son to the swine who stole Bill, Ben and "Assorted pigs" from the Woodentops, the natural instinct of any free-born Englishman confronted with a pig is to lure it from its rightful owner with boneyed words and stick it in the spare bedroom.

Betty had two men in attendance, which is overmanning though leading ladies don't think so. "They represent opposite attitudes to education," mused Bennett. "Gerry believes in understanding the pig whereas George is quite authoritarian and believes the pig will do as it's told. Actually the pig *doesn't take much notice* of either. The thing is, you have to feed it all the time. If you feed it enough potato peelings it will probably play Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto."

The spare bedroom seethed. There was Betty acting, Gerry cajoling, George insisting, some 175 others and a director, schooled in the handling of leading ladies who called out "Well done, Betty!" at the end of a take.

It was the only time Bennett appeared en masse. He seems most at home in huge, cold, municipal buildings, apparently after closing time, where he sits perfectly still with the dust settling gently on him. He is the author most likely to be locked in a library. Harold Wilson found it impossible to believe that Bennett was one of the four performers in Beyond The Fringe. "Well, I don't remember yet," he said, adding with swift suspicion, "Are you *sure*?"

Bennett's invisibility was invaluable when he sat as a child listening to the way northern women talk. "They want reporting," said Albert Modley, gnashing his gums over some imagined slight in a Bennett play. Want in the north doesn't mean what you want but what you are going to get. In Bennett they got what they wanted.

"Goddam gaiety everywhere you look," says Beth Porter, as a buttoned-up barmaid in Blue Money (LWT). And said thereby, a jugful, for Blue Money seems to be written out of a yeasty excess of gaiety, bubbling up and burbling over. It is a picaresque adventure, precipitated by Larry, an Irish impressionist, who pinches half a million left by a slithery South American ("No jokes, no songs, no chit chat") on the back seat of his mini cab. A man with such an ingrained prejudice against jokes, songs and chit chat has no place in Blue Money, which is nothing but.

It reminds me of that action-packed period after a particularly shaggy dog has been shampooed and the air is filled with water droplets and the noise of pursuit. The pace is frenetic, the company colourful, notably John Bird, having a spectacular heart attack, and Billy Connolly, hitchhiking with an inflatable doll, Big Olga, which he deflates with north-of-the-border noises.

Written by Stewart Parker — who wrote my favourite TV play of all time I'm a Dreamer, Montreal — for Tim Curry, who is in his element. Or as his friend Brogan, the only living Latin speaker would put it, "In excelsis." Blue Money is the first thing London Weekend have produced to justify *their recent surprising claim* to be entertaining. It is perhaps 10 minutes too long. But everything in life is 10 minutes too long. Including life.

Fossils in a landscape

Is conservation the only Conservative policy for architecture? Martin Pawley reports

Patrick Jenkin: "I know what I like"

LONG ago, when the Department *of the Environment* was a twinkle in the eye of the Ministry of Public Building and Works, the senior politician in charge of architecture was a man concerned with expediting the output of new buildings.

"Just as when an airfield was needed in the war there were no protracted negotiations with landowners," explained Nye Bevan to the House of Commons in 1945, "so we will have no protracted negotiations with landlords for getting houses."

And the same applied to schools, hospitals, factories, universities and polytechnics for 30 years afterwards.

Now things are different, and through the terminological and organisational sea-change that has taken place since the oil war, the three-day week and the great *inflation, a different kind of* politician altogether has come to assume the vast powers bequeathed by post-war recovery.

The Right Honorable Patrick Jenkin, MP, member for Redbridge (Wanstead and Woodbridge division), is a fine exemplar of the new type — and a man concerned on the one hand with terminating the GLC and the metropolitan counties — and on the other with the aesthetic significance of a picture gallery at the top left-hand corner of Trafalgar Square.

The remarkable thing is not so much that he combines these duties — Napoleon after all could dictate five letters at a time and Hitler, although the comparison would be disgraceful in any other connection, contemplated the detailed *reconstruction of Linz* from his bunker of doom — but that in the present contorted state of British politics the two roles appear to be of equal importance.

At 58 Patrick Jenkin has spent one-third of his life in parliament, and nearly all of that as a minister or front-bench opposition spokesman for the Treasury, the Social Services, the Department of Energy and now the environment itself, for which he took over responsibility *from Michael* Heseltine in June 1983.

As befits a man who has lived with the massive handicap of having once advised the nation to clean its teeth in the dark to save energy, Jenkin is cautious about declarations of personal taste. But asked earlier this year by the Architect's Journal who was his favourite architect, he did reply: "I know nothing about architecture *but I know what I* like." Adding — not as an afterthought — "But that's off the record."

Pressed further he admitted to being overwhelmed by the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta; "A huge space, lifts in glass, tears almost started to my eyes." That was the work of an acknowledged master, the Truman Capote of the profession in America, John Portman.

But the same thing has happened in England when, overseeing the environment in Chesterfield: "I came round a corner and I said, 'This is exquisite.'" It was the Pavements shopping centre by Elsom Pack and Roberts, an achievement in pastiche of the kind better evaluated in the shadow of the *Queen Mary* in Long Beach or at Disney World.

There is no reason why the Secretary of State for the Environment should not be bowled over by a soaring atrium, or transfixed by the sight of a thriving retail centre disguised as a set for Robin Hood. No reason either why, in the same interview, he should not have inveighed against the Guy's Hospital tower; "Dracula's tower would have been a better name," and stumbled over the pronunciation of Mies van der Rohe — a bad portent for Mr Palumbo here.

Jenkin is not a patron of architecture as was Michael Heseltine, who showed a keen eye for the coming classical revival by commissioning work from Quinlan Terry. He is certainly not an enlightened patron like Lord Carrington, who commissioned housing from Peter Aldington, one of the very best architects in the country and a man whose name is disgracefully unknown outside the profession.

Instead he is a politician "tempering the wind," in his own curious phrase, "against the long term trend" — which probably means taking advice on the reorganisation of local government and the extension of home ownership from one source, and on the aesthetics of carbuncles and glass stumps from another. Not for nothing did he quip at the RIBA's "last supper" at Hampton Court that the *Prince of Wales had settled* three major planning decisions for him already.

The Conservative Party has of course no policy on architecture as such — any more than does the Labour Party or the Alliance — such interesting displacement activities still lie in the future. But in the absence of the massive social building programmes of the fifties, sixties and seventies there *does appear to be* a remorseless tendency for conservation and historicism to occupy the yawning hole they left.

True the Prime Minister has been seen driving a Lotus and proudly declaiming the high-tech wizardry of the Richard Rogers Inmos factory in Wales, but these are merely gestures for the benefit of dynamic entrepreneurs and the young designers who have been *entertained* at No 10 and told how dramatically they can alter the balance of payments by adding value through styling.

The essential Tory heartland of architecture lies in the refurbished country house and the heritage town centre. Although the director general of design services at the Property Services Agency, Patrick Jenkin's most senior architectural advisor, is ex-RIBA president Bryan Jefferson, known in *the profession as "an industry man"* — which means he made his name in the era of production and 500,000 houses a year — there can be little doubt that strident conservationists like Country Life editor Marcus Binney and Boer War veteran Gavin Stamp have much greater influence.

For the conservationists environmental issues are simple, and thus easy for politicians to understand and, more importantly, defend. In an era of retrenchment when the replacement rate of buildings has fallen to Edwardian levels it is comforting to regard the 20 million houses in Britain, the eight million factories, seven million office buildings and so on, as so much money in the bank. For a Treasury man like Patrick Jenkin the concept of heritage must resemble that of capital and the idea of producing new buildings have the same dangerous overtones as that of printing money.

The conservationists, who have already succeeded in having 500,000 buildings "listed" — that is placed in a kind of time warp where they must be protected forever at whatever cost — see the built environment as a treasure house of structures that can be adapted to virtually any purpose. Only in this light can their *wide-ranging, not to say* insane series of options for Battersea power station be understood. The whole thing would be anthropologically interesting if it were not also tragic — Homo *Conservatus roving through a* "natural" landscape of old buildings, much as primitive man wandered through the natural world before he learned to reorganise it.

But architectural ideas, whether for the endless propping up of ruins or the creation of streets in the air, are mere nothingness unless they have political utility. In this respect, for Patrick Jenkin who is this morning presenting the annual Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors/the Times conservation awards, the past has become the future. The future itself, in the shape of modern architecture and the construction industry, is already reduced to appealing over the head of the Secretary of State for the Environment to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for permission to build again.

Leonard Rossiter in Semi-Detached—picture by Peter Johns

Michael Billington recalls the special art of Leonard Rossiter

Tunnel visionary

I FIND it sad that the weekend TV and radio-news bulletins harped so much on Leonard Rossiter's fame as the accident-prtne smoothie in the Cinzano commercials with Joan Collins. For Rossiter — who died on Friday night at the age of 57 during a performance of Loot at the Lyric Theatre — was a great comic stage and television actor who always left behind an indelible outline: the accosting profile, the lizard-like tongue, the manic gleam in the eyes always suggested a man in the grip of an *idee fixe*.

I first saw him at the Belgrade, Coventry, in 1963 in one of the finest roles: Fred Midway in David Turner's Semi-Detached. The character is a Jonsonian insurance-agent ready to sacrifice his *entire family to his dream of* status, power and wealth.

Rossiter, who started life as an insurance-clerk, seemed to understand him completely. He ran his hands lightly over his encyclopaedias *like Rubinstein* caressing a concert grand, unloosed viperish sneers at an indiscreet daughter and shot out his long, stiff-jointed legs like pistons on one of his prized railway engines. Rossiter *painted* an unforgettable portrait of a lunatic, Machiavellian schemer and seized on the line "We'll have nothing spontaneous here" as the key to the character. Olivier played the role *in London with misplaced* naturalism: Rossiter offered us a stylised monster.

The perfect fusion of actor and role, however, came with Brecht's The Resistible Rise Of Arturo Ui which played *in Glasgow, Edinburgh and* Nottingham before finally conquering London in July, 1969. I would place this high on the list of the greatest comic performances I have ever seen.

Rossiter told me years later that he didn't particularly like or admire Brecht; but he completely fulfilled (with the help of Michael Blakemore's direction) the Brechtian principle that "the actor must make himself observed standing *between* the spectator and the text." The play translates Hitler into a daemonic Al Capone gangster; *but Rossiter constantly* showed the fear and absurdity behind the mask of brutality.

On his first entrance he burst like a clown through a paper-screen, spoiling the effect by the fact that he left a mass of brown paper clinging obstinately to his teeth: immediately we saw that Ui was a man who could never live up to his mental image of himself.

Like Chaplin in The Great Dictator, Rossiter made evil funny. His superb performance also, for the first time in Britain, made Brecht *popular at the box office*.

Arturo Ui was a hard act to follow. And for some time Rossiter seemed to be casting around for a vehicle to contain his outsize talents. He did, however, essay Richard III at Nottingham in 1971 and a year later was a brilliant Davies in The Caretaker at the Mermaid, offering a radical alternative to Pleasence's original creation.

Rossiter gave us a cawing, predatory scarecrow-figure aspiring to class: his voice was pseudo-genteel and when a dirty, dust-covered counterpane was thrust into his *mitts he handled it with the* visible distaste of a Pinero dowager.

Rossiter wasn't simply a superbly inventive comic actor. He was also very good at playing social upstarts. *His portrayal of Rooksby in* Eric Chappell's The Banana Box at Hampstead in 1973 (with Frances de la Tour) gave birth to the TV series, Rising Damp.

I also remember him at the Old Vic in 1976 in Feydeau's The Purging as a toiletware manufacturer with delusions of grandeur ("Today France — *tomorrow* the world") dreaming wistfully of models decorated with the Cross of Lorraine. And in the same year at Greenwich he turned Moliere's Tartuffe into a dandified arriviste running a carefully-crooked little finger along the lacy fringes of Elmire's bosom as if looking for faults in the workmanship.

In recent years, Rising *Damp and* The Rise And Fall Of Reginald Perrin turned Rossiter into a household-name. But TV stardom in no way blunted his great comic capacity for playing men who were prey to some *ungovernable obsession*. In Michael Frayn's Make And Break in 1980 he played a workaholic executive who couldn't even take off a girl's shoe in the course of seduction without squinting at the brand-name; yet there was also a hint of tragedy about his determination to discover what it was his colleagues found in Buddhism or Beethoven that eluded him.

And Rossiter died at his *peak playing Joe Orton's* Inspector Truscott as a slightly dim suburban sleuth.

Rossiter was an instinctive freelance who eschewed the security of the big national companies which is sad since there were many clasic roles one would have loved to see him play. But he leaves behind a wealth of film and TV work (Tripper's Day is currently going out on ITV, his BBC King John *is still* to come).

Above all, he leaves us with the ineradicable memory of an actor who could show the monstrosity lurking inside ordinary men and who could conjure up suburban *daemons. Great comic acting* is often about single-mindedness; and Leonard Rossiter conveyed better than anyone I know the tunnel-vision of the truly possessed.

BIRMINGHAM

Gerald Larner

LSO/Abbado

THE Shell LSO Tour brought the London Symphony Orchestra to Birmingham with a quite different programme from the Assembly of display pieces it presented elsewhere. Beginning with Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream overture and ending no more remarkably with the same composer's Italian Symphony, the concert was inevitably focussed on the Mozart concerto in the middle.

With Rudolf Serkin as soloist this was exactly as it should be. Anticipating some orchestral show piece later in the programme an audience might easily underestimate a Serkin performance. A superficial hearing might give an impression of a pianist presenting Mozart quite clearly and quite literally (except where convention demands some discreet decoration) and, bearing in mind his 80 years, making not too many mistakes.

On closer examination, however, there is a peculiarly subtle rubato, a fractionally prolonged first beat of the bar or a scarcely perceptible hesitation, which gives life to a line without distorting it. Another rare aspect of Serkin's performance of the Concerto in E flat, K482, was his uncanny *ability to achieve such a* precise blend and balance of his own sound with that of the orchestra — not only in the runs colouring the melodic interest in the woodwind but also in the long and potentially embarrassing unison of piano and violins in the andantino episode of the last movement.

In spite of the scarcely reduced orchestra (six basses, for example instead of eight) Claudio Abbado conducted a most sensitive accompaniment to Rudolf Serkin in the Mozart. As for his Mendelssohn that wasn't overweight either. It was vivacious in rhythm and clean in sound, disappointing only in the unlikely expectation of some special illumination.

EXETER

Nicolas Cottis

Educating Rita

EDUCATING Rita is a boxing match of a play — punchy scenes for two in which a boozy lecturer and a saucy student trade verbal aggravation and work their way ruefully out of the clinches. The production at the Northcott Theatre, Exeter, weighs in a pound or two heavy in its staging. Rather than sit out the blackouts punctuating their tutorials, I would like to have seen the actors—Jiggy Bhore and David Kincaid — matched up on the stage-*within-a-stage of* the last production, The Lady's Not For Burning, and watch them retire to the corners between every round for a spit and a towelling and a total suspension of dramatic illusion.

When Rita gazes around the book-lined study and falls in love with its style, it would have been enough to have imagined it through her imagination. Jiggy Bhore's acting would have given that vision easily. And it would have ben all right for the production to have revealed it as actor's craft, for Rita is a creature of daydreams, one of the Holly Golightlys, compared with such flesh and blood heroes of the literature of education as Jude the Obscure and Beatie Bryant in Roots.

What makes her live is not realism but language, and the way in which two languages collide — one vivid, profane and emotive, the other wary and self-disciplined.

David Kincaid's Scottish accent lends itself to this contrast, as it does to the tutor's comfortable addiction to the whisky bottle — there's no drunk like a *Scots drunk. His subtle play*ing under Zoe Hicks's direction leaves no doubt as to which person on stage is actually learning, and which one loves talking about it.

The joyous nasal switch-*back ride of Jiggy Bhore's* Liverpudlian is a work of art, and her vitality is a knockout. What else would you expect with a rising Cassius Clay in one corner and a weary Mohammed Ali in the other?

CARDIFF

Robin Lyons

Diversions

DESPITE a change of name, and extravagant claims in the programme notes, Diversion (formerly Jumpers) remains disappointing.

They should have everything going for them. They received a hefty subsidy from the Welsh Arts Council; in Perry Douglin and John Wesley Taylor they had acquired two strong dancers with potential sparkle; and they have a sense of organisation and clarity which *other companies might envy*. What they do not seem to *have is the ability to communi*cate, and those few people who watched them at the Sherman Theatre at the weekend must have wondered what the moving of limbs and swaying of bodies was all about.

Most of the blame must lie with the choreography. Roy Campbell-Moore's new work, Quartet, is best appreciated with closed eyes. It is hard to think of any successful dance choreographed to Beethoven, and here the somnambulent walking and rolling on the floor, the spiralling gestures, seem merely an attempt to wollow in one of the emotions of the late Quartet. A giant tapestry, daubed red with a motif that looked like an old fashioned tin opener, added little to our enjoyment.

Some of the other works are scarcely more successful. Slip Jig has been too long in *the repertoire, and looks* very tired. Dawn Thomas's new costumes, and lively performances from the male dancers, have brought new energy to No Name Jive, but Blue Echo could really have been abandoned by now. Its strange bubbling sound track, sphinx-like cut-out, and mysterious wrigglings suggest three people struggling with dysentery on a trip to Cairo.

In this dull setting, only Junctions, a new piece by local dancer June Campbell, has any sparkle. This is an extensive re-working of an earlier piece made for Dance Wales. Some of the original punch has gone and the basic vocabulary offers little that is new. But it has a sense of rhythmic excitement and a sustained energy that elicits an immediate response.

If Diversions are to promote an idea of dance, as exciting, dramatic, emotional or humorous they need many more pieces like this. At the moment, there is a danger that new audiences might dismiss the art form as a mere positioning of limbs.

SWANSEA

David Adams

Government Inspector

THE *transposition of satiri*cal situations from other times and places to Wales has become something of a trend, with Russian plays the favourite victims. So William Ingram's free adaptation of Gogol's classic to a South Wales setting isn't that novel though latterday tales of municipal corruption add extra relish.

The Government Inspector opened at the new Taliesin Arts Centre, a mile or so away from Swansea's centre. On tour all over Wales, I suspect it will seem even less amusing in Harlech and points north. Stripped of localised innuendo, it's a broad farce played with no attempt at subtlety by a Made In Wales company that is here noticeably weak on acting.

The play opens with a tableau caricature of the council members. It needs the like of Howell Evans to make the *exaggerated playing genuine*ly funny, and really only his desperate sharp mayor looks any better than at best an S4C soap opera and at worst am-drama. That difficulty of playing larger-than-life figures of fun dominates Gareth Armstrong's production, and meant that the moralistic turning of the audience at the end was that much more difficult to swallow: "Don't blame the mirror if your face is lopsided" was Gogol's epigraph to The Government Inspector but in this version that mirror seems too deliberately distorted. The home truths are *all but lost*.

Ingram's script is at times very funny and Howell Evans, Shirley King as the mayoress and Michael Gardiner as the Inspector get a lot out of their roles.

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Queues are a serious problem, complaints are increasing, services deteriorating, costs rising — perhaps it is time the Post Office should make up its mind to be either public service or commercial enterprise

Polly Toynbee

MRS M will be 82 at Christmas. She was standing in the queue at the post office that curled three times round the room and out of the door, at 9 30 in the morning. Under her pink and orange hat she beamed from ear to ear. "You'd never guess I was that old? Well, I feel my age in here, I can tell you." In recent months she has fainted three times in this main Clapham High Street post office. The sub-post office where she used to collect her pension in Clapham Old Town closed down in August.

Now she has a half hour walk across the Common from Macaulay Road once a week. When she gets to the post office, sometimes someone offers to keep her place in the queue, while she sits down on one of the three seats. But today the seats are all filled with other pensioners. The queue has 58 people in it as she joins on the end. A little later it stretches out to over 70.

In that long and dismal line are mainly people waiting to cash social security giros, sad looking men, or one parent family women with fractious small children. A woman in a wet headscarf with two children said, "I've waited here nearly two hours some days. What else can you do?" Her eighteen-month-old clung to her jacket and whined miserably. The woman in front of her turned round and joined in, "They have all those windows there, yet I've never seen more than three open, however long the queues are." Others in the line joined in vociferously, angry but impotent as the queue inched forwards in a barely perceptible shuffle.

"It's worst Mondays and Thursdays." "Oh but Fridays are terrible, terrible." "What about Tuesday mornings?" "I can't come any other time. Have to come as soon as I get the giro." A home help protested vigorously, "It's all right for you, you only come once a week. I have to come eight times, to collect pensions for the old people I look after. Think of that, eight times a week in this queue. And all that time being wasted when I could be doing something useful."

Between the pensioners and the social security clients were people waiting to buy stamps. "I've got to get this letter off. It can't wait," said a young man, fidgeting crossly. "The stamp machine's not working." Someone else was waiting to buy a new licence for his car. "What if I haven't got the documents right? Will I have to queue up again?" A woman wanted to pay in some savings. (I suggested she went over the road to one of many banks, who though not perfect, would treat their savers better.)

One woman was queueing to pay her rent in to Lambeth council. "They've shut down the rent office and now this is the only place you can pay. I have to queue here once a month. It's always like this, sometimes worse." Someone else was buying telephone stamps, an office girl was queueing with mail from her work; "I come in here at least once a day. I probably spend four hours a week in here."

A big red video was blaring out advertising jingles to the added aggravation of the queue. Postman Pat stationery and all manner of new glossy Royal Mail products were being promoted to this sour, unreceptive audience. "Have you seen that advertisement they've got on the telly at the moment?" one young mother said. "It shows a post office with all of ten windows open at once, each one offering a different wonderful service. I'd like to know where that post office was."

I have no idea whether this particular post office is exceptionally terrible. It happens to be my local in Clapham, South London. But from the growing rumble of complaints across the country, it sounds pretty typical. True, the DHSS computer dispute has caused some disruption, though very little in terms of how many people come to the post office, but an increase in the length of time taken for each pensioner's transaction at the windows. But this post office has been a local disgrace long before the dispute began 14 weeks ago. The Post Office as an organisation is fast becoming a national disgrace.

Queues — need they be so long?

The pressures on the post offices grow with the multiplying army of social security claimants. The government's response to this need for a better service has been to place yet more stringent financial targets upon it. Post Office profits are small compared with the vast turnover of business — £117 millions last year, but even this paltry sum was not allowed to be used to be ploughed back into providing more staff and a better service. The Treasury creamed off £61 millions for its own uses.

Postal rates have gone up again, and meanwhile services degenerate. Neither first nor second class mail reaches its promised deadlines for delivery. Keen to increase its profits, the Post Office is trying to attract more private companies to use its agency services — the Leicester Building Society now uses the Post Office as an outlet for its savers. But why on earth should any company in its right mind wish to use the post office as its shop window, when it is notoriously bad at delivering the services it already controls?

Why, unlike in the rest of Europe, does the Post Office keep its monopoly on the sale of stamps? Why can't the public go into any newsagent's and buy stamps? Technically there's nothing to stop small shops doing so, but unlike every other country, the Post Office will pay them no agency fee for this service, so of course, with stamps the price they are, small shops cannot afford to tie up any capital in a non-profit-making enterprise.

Why are a thousand sub-post offices being closed around the country, when pressure on existing post offices is already so great? Are all pensioners like Mrs M expected to walk so far every week?

Why does the government imagine it can attract savings and gilt-edged stock buyers if they have to queue for two hours to deposit their money? With the possible exception of the Passport Office, there are no queues to beat them this side of Moscow.

Is it surprising that when you do finally reach a window, the staff are almost universally surly and unhelpful? Presumably they come in contact with some of the most angry and fractious members of the public to be found. Perhaps it is the Government's intention to make claiming social security payments as unpleasant as possible. But it hardly makes sense to demand a modern commercial service to compete with private enterprise in banking and sales while forcing a punitively bad service upon the public. Is it a public service or a commercial enterprise? It fails at both, and makes its profits almost exclusively out of the fact that it is a monopoly — DHSS claimants and stamp buyers have nowhere else to go.

The people who should be asking these questions are the members of the Post Office Users National Council. If, however, they do ask the questions, they seem all too easily fobbed off with the answers. Their recent report on Post Office Counter Services is scarcely more than a Post Office apologia with a small plea appended for the hastening of computerisation. POUNC is a statutory body that has become an institutionalised part of the Post Office system, so conversant with the reasons why things work so badly that they have come to accept high profits and poor service as an inevitable part of the Post Office system.

I went to see the Director of Counter Services of the Post Office, John Roberts, to put these questions to him.

He was, of course, a disarmingly frank, intelligent and sensitive man. Yes indeed, post office queues were a serious problem. Yes, he was getting more complaints than ever. Yes, the staff were getting more flak from the public. He admitted that his marketing director stormed into his office almost every day tearing out his hair, saying how could he market anything through outlets with queues second to none? Certainly the DHSS strike had made matters worse, but he had to admit things hadn't been so very good before.

But, on the other hand, "The public" he said, "are funny about queueing. They always think they've been waiting longer than they have. The average waiting time in a post office is between 17 and 75 seconds." 17 and 75? Did he mean minutes? No, seconds. What is an 'average'? He admitted that there was a problem. Many people had to use the post office at peak times, and not at the times of the day when there was nobody else there. By definition, more people use post offices at times when more people use them — but he did wish they'd change their habits.

Why not improve the service by using part-time staff at peak times? "The union has a national policy against part-timers. If we provoked trouble with the union there would be disputes which would be even worse for the public." There are only 300 part-timers out of a national counter staff of 7,000. The union confirms that this is indeed their absurd restrictive policy.

Why should the Post Office be expected to make a profit for the state and not plough back surpluses? "Ah," says Mr Roberts with a smile. "You'll have to ask Mr Tebbit that." But then the exact nature of their profit is peculiar. £350 millions of their income comes from acting as agent to the DHSS, a sum annually negotiated. On what basis is it negotiated? That is more arcane, since the service is not put out to tender.

Mr Roberts agreed that certainly the big banks would charge the government less for paying out pensions, for example. "But people are frightened of the antiseptic atmosphere in banks." (Does this imply something septic about post offices?) "Old people wouldn't like to go into banks for their money. People like post offices. We're lucky there." Since no-one has yet had the option of collecting their money across other counters than a post office, the point may be arguable. Mrs M might easily prefer a bank where she didn't have to queue so long.

I asked the DHSS why, with the coming closure of sub-post offices, arrangements could not be made for pensioners and others to cash their counterfoils at local shops. "Too difficult. Anyway, who's asking this? We're not aware that anyone is asking," said the DHSS.

Why can't we buy stamps in other outlets, as they can abroad? "We have more post offices, so there is no need," said Mr Roberts. He admitted that stamp machines were notoriously scarce, empty and broken and he said they were trying to produce a better model, and more of them. But the Post Office would not give a concession to shops to sell them, so that was that.

Ironically the DHSS dispute may end up making more money for the post office. The DHSS will have to pay the Post Office more as each transaction takes longer, and yet so far, the Post Office has taken on no more staff, full or part-time. Mr Roberts says vaguely they may employ more staff, but will not reveal how much, if any, money may eventually be made available to regional postmasters to do so.

The Post Office is the biggest single source of cash in the land. Last year £63 billions crossed its counters. It is the biggest bank, with the most customers, because those customers have nowhere else to go. It's neither a public service, nor a commercial enterprise. If the government had the courage of its money-making convictions, it would put out to tender much of the work the Post Office does so badly, and let others do it better cheaper. Or otherwise it should allow it to be run as a good public service, making as much money as it can, while treating its customers with some respect.

Terrorised in my own home

Ann Lever's story is a warning to anyone thinking of taking in lodgers

WHEN I was left alone with two very small children, it seemed sensible (and, at the time, socially useful!) to let out part of our large Victorian house to tenants. Accordingly, most of the first floor was rented to a married couple, undergraduates. I realised that this was not promising to be an ideal arrangement when, a few days after moving in, they arrived home at 4 am, with a van containing furniture which was then dragged upstairs (tearing wall-paper and scratching paintwork). When I suggested next day that moving heavy furniture around in the middle of the night in a house where three small children were trying to sleep was not desirable, the verbal abuse began.

From that day on, for reasons I still cannot fathom, unless they both suffered from the same kind of mental aberration, the tenants began a campaign of attrition, refusing to leave and terrorising me in my own home.

Here are a few samples of their inexplicable delinquent conduct. Hot water was included in their rent. They left the immerson-heater on continuously, in spite of the fact that it was defective and flooded the linen-cupboard with boiling water if left on indefinitely. They broke their electricity meter and fixed it so that all electricity came from my account.

The telephone was in a private room in my part of the house. Its use was not included in their agreement, though I would have had no objections to reasonable access to it. They repeatedly made long-distance calls without any payment. Frequently I found complete strangers, their visitors, making calls. When I locked the door of this room, they forced the lock.

I had said, originally, they might park on our drive for a few days till they found a garage. They never did so. But they did force open the car of a friend of mine which was left on "their" parking space and moved it on to the road.

Our dog had been run over when one of the children left the front door open. In view of this, and the fact that my younger son was only three when they moved in, I asked if they would mind always making sure the door was closed behind them. Not only did they make a point of leaving it open, they instructed their friends to do likewise.

They moved a carpenter's bench and other equipment into our private conservatory and hammered away there on Sunday mornings. They played records (reggae) much of the night in the room next to my bedroom. When I abandoned tapping on the wall to request peace, they would bang on the wall and shout, "Knock knock knock on the old bedroom wall!"

I am very fat. One of their amusements was to stand outside my bedroom door and shout speculations about my estimated weight.

As I write this, I am well aware that I must sound either paranoid or else guilty of some unacknowledged serious offence to provoke such behaviour. I trust the former is not the case; the latter certainly is not. Nor was I out of touch with young people and their mores. I was spending my working days with deprived and difficult teenagers and it was only a few years since I had been a student myself. My life-style both as under- and post-graduate had been by no means more sedate than average.

Several months before they left, the specific blackmail started. Either by reading my post or by eavesdropping, they discovered that I had not declared for rate-assessment purposes some improvements I had had made to their and the help's accommodation. (I employed an unmarried mother to look after my children when I had to be out.). They decided that, in return for not reporting me to the authorities, they would live for the duration rent-free.

The uninitiated will wonder why my household endured this systematic bullying. Fellow small novice landlords probably will not. When I approached the police for help, I was told, "The law concerning landlord and tenant disputes is so complicated, it's like marital conflicts. We try never to get involved." I tried the Rent Tribunal. Before the hearing, the tenants plastered the (communal) parts of the house with Labour Party posters to which they had added their own slogans: "Go it with Labour! Long live the Rent Act! Down with the private landlord!" etc.

An officer came to see me about harassment. I greeted him joyfully, only to find he had come to investigate my mis-behaviour. Although the Rent Tribunal did not allow an eviction order, it did not lower the very modest rent (a bonus for which the tenants had hoped.)

The members of the tribunal apparently totally ignored evidence on my behalf — a statement by neighbours quoting verbatim abuse shouted from an upstairs window to me in the garden.

There was an affidavit from our help detailing some of the antisocial behaviour she had witnessed. The tenants then swore that she had come to them, sobbing, imploring their forgiveness, saying I had dictated her statement having threatened to throw her and her baby out if she did not perjure herself on my behalf. This slander was believed. After all, in certain trendy parlance, "land-lord" had become one of the dirtiest double four-letter words in the language. The university lodgings warden was sympathetic but said that married students were regarded as having a special form of autonomy and no disciplinary action could be taken against them.

After they had gone for years private individuals who had lent them money (they were even in debt to our help), debt-collecting agencies and even the police used to call, trying to trace their whereabouts. I sometimes wonder whether, if I read the Sunday tabloids, I might see more recent news of their antics. I cannot belive that their near psychopathic behaviour was aroused only by some catalyst in my particular household. The wife, incidentally, intended to become a primary school teacher.

The leaving party-orgy — the night before they eventually withdrew from what seems, in retrospect, a siege situation — was their piece de resistance.

The children and I spent the night huddled in the room nearest the front-door, literally in physical fear because of the degree of drunkenness. (They had, incidentally, complained in front of the small guests at my son's sixth birthday party about the children playing hide and seek). Next day, they left, taking with them all the tinned food from our larder plus some of our cooking utensils, leaving in their place empty beer cans.

Bottles had been thrown through the closed windows into the front garden. Also in the front garden were contraceptives; presumably not used in situ. In the flat, various liquids had been hurled at the walls. Milk bottles filled with urine stood in ranks in the kichen. The cover had been wrenched off an electric socket, and, before I noticed it among all the squalor, my younger son had put his hand on it and injured himself seriously; the burn was as large as his palm; the shock was terrible.

As I said before, the legacy of these experiences seems permanent. Perhaps writing them out will help a little to exorcise my nightmares. The effects on my children of two years in such an atmosphere may well be ineradicable.

Vanity Fair

IT'S DIFFICULT to spot a group of Tories discussing burning issues in public. They don't need to hold meetings, said their man at Head Office, their case is so obvious, and it's all too easy, said he, to get the public whipped up and emotional, so his party will respond, but never start things.

Urbleton Socialists managed to get two of them along to a debate last week, a speaker and supporter, to discuss War And How It Can Be Prevented. Conservative Speaker began, burbling loudly and incoherently, but in a philosophical way.

"Our sun has a number of planets," declared he, "mumble, then asteroids, then Venus, mumble mumble — nearly collided with the earth ... nothing inevitable, future unpredictable, change is desirable"

"Speak up," called the audience, "move the microphone."

Capitalist Speaker did as he was told. "In my view," said he sternly and more clearly, "the 57 varieties of Socialism have so discredited the firm that is has but a short life left." It was natural to Speaker to relate all things to the business world. He spoke with certainty. "The world cannot be transformed by 'isms'."

Luckily he had the answer up his sleeve. "Christianity is not an 'ism'," he explained, "and we will be transformed by the coming of that person, then and only then, mumble." Speaker's Jewish colleagues agreed with him and were waiting, said he, rather like himself, in an optimistic way for the Messiah.

"In the meantime," sneered he, "while you are awaiting the coming of World Socialism, there are practical things to do, like establishing competence-building measures." He was shameless. "Even if Conservatives are Capitalists," said he proudly, "we in the West enjoy Democracy" Then he leaned back in his chair as if full of dinner, lit a cigarette, stared up at the gold twirls around the ceiling and prepared to be tolerant.

Socialist Speaker began, spoke of atrocities in Vietnam, the economic causes of war and competition between nations. There would be nought survivors in a nuclear war, said he, except .01 in Kensington and Chelsea if the wind blows from the south-west. He mentioned 105 hospitals closed down, reduction of 10,000 hospital beds and the increase of man's destructive potential while more millions starve.

Exasperated, Conservative Speaker began to chuck himself about in his chair, because Idealism is always a red rag to any Capitalist, but Socialist continued to mock East Anglia's post-war plan and its large appendix on herbal remedies. "Where are we going to find Juniper," he asked, "or yarrow for hypertension?"

Capitalist had had enough. Lips compressed he glared up at the gold twirls until question time.

"How do we get from where we are now to where we want to be?" asked first questioner sharply, and spoke at length of the non-aligned movement and comparative insignificance of the Euro-slavic industrial proletariat. Audience began to fidget.

"Why are Russia and China pointing missiles at each other," demanded the next questioner.

"Because they're State Capitalist Regimes," answered Socialist.

"Because they're *Socialists*," shouted Capitalist triumphantly. *His* team were the ones to protect us from evil.

It might happen yet, with World Socialism or the coming of the Messiah, whichever you prefer, but most Capitalists know that *they* are right and ever shall be, world (hopefully) without end, amen.

Michele Hanson

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Thatchernomics tested to destruction

The Prime Minister's sharp response to the pre-conference criticism of her Government is revealing, not least because she almost certainly meant every word. Last year's thumping Conservative majority is proving just as dangerous as Mr Francis Pym warned that it would be, in two respects. On the one hand, the apparent safety of a huge parliamentary majority provides an unaccustomed licence for the likes of Mr Michael Lingens of the Bow Group to speak their minds, while also ensuring that a disproportionate slice of the parliamentary party suffers all the anxieties of those vulnerable to small swings. On the other hand, that majority has clearly lulled both the Prime Minister and her economic chiefs, notably the Chancellor, into complacency. The reality, though, is that there was never any justification for taking the general election result of 1983 as an endorsement of Thatchernomics. The government won despite Britain's economic performance, which has been lamentable by either historical or international standards, not because of it.

There will obviously be blips around the average in the opinion polls but the underlying indications should be deeply worrying for the Prime Minister. Both her personal leadership and the effectiveness of her Government are markedly less appreciated than a year ago. Nor will a slicker presentation help, for Thatchernomics has now been given one of the most exhaustive real world trials ever afforded such an unconventional policy. And still it does not work. In sharp contrast with the United States, unemployment has reached new records, and the underlying trend has recently accelerated. On the old basis of counting, it is nearly three times as high as it was in 1979. Growth has slowed down, and not only because of the miners' strike. Interest rates, after allowing for price rises, are at historically exorbitant levels. There have been no further gains against inflation. Even the industrial peace which was until recently such a proud boast of Thatcherite ministers has been shattered by the most violent industrial dispute in living memory. If the Thatcherites had consistently claimed that the Government could have no influence on the real economy and jobs, it might now be getting off as scot free as it did at the general election. In fact, though, they always made great claims for their cures, and must not be surprised if the long suffering patient now requests a second opinion.

What has happened now to Mr Norman Tebbit's promise in 1982 that unemployment was "near the plateau, near the top"? Or to Mr Nigel Lawson's pre-election prediction that unemployment would fall this year? Or, indeed, to Sir Geoffrey Howe's promise as long ago as April, 1979, that Thatcherite policies would bring a "soundly based revival" with "secure well-paid jobs"? At the same time, Mrs Thatcher even said that the answer to Labour's appalling record on unemployment ("Labour isn't working") was to "set the wheels of the economy moving again. . . . We have done it before. . . . We shall do it again." The products, indeed, were once again to "stream from our factories," though most manufacturers might be surprised to learn that their output is still 13 per cent below the 1979 peak. Then there were the promises to cut taxation, and not to double VAT. VAT was doubled, and taxation now takes 6 per cent more of national income than it did in 1978-9. Indeed, the Chancellor now hints that he intends to extend VAT further and in the most regressive manner. The Government has even managed to make deep cuts in most public spending programmes, including education, housing and overseas aid, while increasing the total share of public spending in national income with increases for defence and the number of unemployed; you pay more, and get less. If these are the signs of a policy working according to all the best-laid plans, heaven help the British economy should it ever experience anything as undignified as failure.

The limited 'rights' of Mr MacGregor

The right to work, it may be bitterly observed, is often much constrained by the availability of work to exercise such rights over. What about another right much invoked during the coal dispute: management's right to manage? Mr Ian MacGregor, according to the Prime Minister, must in the ultimate have the right to say which pits close and which stay open. That's the trouble with half way houses like the Nacods formula featuring independent arbitration when all else fails. But let us pause, for a moment, over those management rights.

One can see, of course, that a system in which managers manage and workers accept that authority is both natural and coherent. It is the way, by and large, that things get made and things get sold. In the private sector, moreover, there is a simple test of survival to underpin the order of things. If a firm in which management is denied the possibility of managing goes bust as a result, then there tends not to be anybody around to pick up the pieces. Our nationalised industries, however, are an altogether bonier kettle of fish. Here the interest of the shareholders is not exercised by big stinks or votes of confidence at annual general meetings. It is exercised day by day by the elected government. Sometimes that government is a Labour one and thus able (in theory if not in practice) to maximise all the wonders that flow from Clause Four. But sometimes, in a democratic country, the government is Conservative. So the rules of the nationalised game inevitably change with governments. The advent of Mrs Thatcher, though, has not in any way lessened the degree of Whitehall meddling in the supposed ability of nationalised industry managers to manage. Over the past few days, for instance, we have seen the Government stand free market forces on their head in order to provide the framework for a nationalised industry — British Airways — to float itself on the Stock Exchange. And even those public utilities which aren't on the privatisation list, like British Gas, are beset by constant external redrawing of the rules of operation. If they've found oil, by good fortune and judgment, at Wytch Farm, then that bonus is taken away. And their pricing policies are, of course, determined not by market forces but by what the government of the day judges desirable in the context of its own energy and economics policy.

Managers' "right" to manage, in the public sector, is not much of a right at all; it is more akin to the civil servants' duty to fulfil whatever legal and decent brief his minister may propose. There is no objection of principle to the Nacods formula, any more than principle is involved in giving Saudi Arabia to British Caledonian and South America to British Airways. That, of course, doesn't mean that Mrs Thatcher, or her appointee, Mr MacGregor, or indeed that glum body of coal board officials who've given their lives to the industry, may not be allowed their own view of floating arbitration for clapped out pits. But let us not, please, get stuck too deep over this particular set of managers' right to manage.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Party politics and the boys in blue

Sir,—Leslie Curtis's outburst in Hull last week is really only the public tip of the iceberg, when it comes to the political stance and activities of the police. As chairman of the 120,000 strong Police Federation, Mr Curtis knows quite well the extent of his organisation's political activities.

In the House of Commons the Police Federation has long had a spokesman to put forward its point of view. Throughout the Sixties and Seventies that spokesman was traditionally a member of the Opposition. The first holder of the job was former Prime Minister James Callaghan. Subsequently, he gave way to Labour's Alf Morris.

Traditionally when there was a change of Government there was a change of spokesman. This changed in May 1979, when the Police Federation re-appointed Eldon Griffiths to continue to advise and speak for them. This break with traditions ended a pretence of impartiality.

At the time the Federation explained that Griffiths' personal contacts, experience and commitment to Federation policies on law and order were the reasons for his retention. The Federation journal Police went further and said the break was also because in the past other spokesmen on leaving the benches of the opposition had taken up seats in government which meant they did not have time to devote to the Federation. Griffiths remained a back bencher and therefore he himself was not a part of the executive and could continue to be "their" man.

Griffiths has become trapped by this statement, and may be seeing present developments as a way out for him. As long as he represents the Police Federation he could hardly progress his own career into a position of Government. For the Federation to have changed spokesman and brought in another Conservative would have been to draw attention to their clear cut right wing preference. Leslie Curtis has now drawn attention to it by stating the difficulties he foresees for the police in working with a Labour government.

It is very difficult indeed to see an amicable working relationship between a Labour spokesman and the Police Federation unless the polarities taken up during the week of the Labour Party Conference can be drawn in. To continue and develop the Conservative link is only to highlight "the oppressive arm of the fascist state" thesis.

The Federation's natural inclination must be toward the Conservatives both for the political content and the successful "iron lady" imagery. Image over reality has always been important to the police. More than any other public service, they have developed PR departments, media classes for staff and community relations sections to promote the right image.

Research by Dr Robert Reiner revealed that 80 per cent of police in a given sample did in fact describe themselves as Conservatives, with the remainder evenly dividing between Labour, Liberal and don't know." Of the sample, 80 per cent had voted in all recent elections. Public — and more so private — statements from police are usually within an orthodox and narrow range of right of centre views.

Out of the public view the Federation regularly contributes its opinion on various policies to enquiries, Select committees and other bodies, on the matters of policing and other subjects. Like similar bodies this is seen as preferential to more open statements where there is always the possibility of being misquoted or putting your foot in it with disasters like the infamous "nig nog" quote from this years Scarborough conference. It also helps the perpetuation of the "impartial" image in public.

The other two Police organisations are the Association of Chief Police Officers and the Police Superintendents' Association of England and Wales. Both have similar views.

Mr Curtis's predecessor as chairman of the Police Federation was Mr Jim Jardine. In his last speech before retiring, Mr Jardine gave a final message to the police to not allow themselves to be the instrument of party politics. After two years in the job Mr Curtis, has openly aligned the Police with the Conservative Party by his statements at Hull. It will be difficult, indeed, for a new Labour government to work with the Police. Yours,

Terry Thomas.
Halifax, W. Yorkshire.

View from the forest

Sir,—Peter Hetherington (September 24) is right when he says the partial privatisation of the Forestry Commission is on a parallel with problems in the coal industry.

I was a Forestry Commissioner, until I asked not to be considered for re-appointment because I felt the Commission was never going to produce timber at a profit. I did not agree with the present irrational piecemeal privatisation, but recommended total privatisation

The Commission argues that it will make a profit in the future. If there is to be profit in the future, there should be good returns from present felling. In the year ending 1982, income from harvesting was £36 million, but after deducting all felling costs the "surplus" was only £1.6 million. The following year the surplus rose to £3.8 million, but there was a higher percentage of sawlogs, which increased the average price; and the price obtained for that part of the cut (about 50 per cent) taken by contractors rose by 31 per cent. With a price rise of such magnitide on half the cut, one would expect the surplus to increase substantially. Since it did not, one assumes the surplus on the half felled by the Commission fell dramatically, possibly that they made a loss on the felling operation alone.

Those who wish to sell off government enterprises do so because they feel this will increase the jobs available. Change is never comfortable but it is essential for progress.

Linda Whetstone.
Hartfield, Sussex.

Sir,—Creag Meagaidh, that jewel of a mountain so valuable for its range and continuity of wildlife habitat that the Government's conservation experts, the Nature Conservancy Council, have awarded it the accolade of Nature Conservation Review Site, is to have a commercial conifer plantation imposed upon its slopes.

At one stroke the Government, in the form of the Secretary of State for Scotland, has committed hari-kiri on its own Wildlife and Countryside Act. Not only are the provisions of the Act ignored but this decision "should not be taken as indicating a general presumption either for or against afforestation in SSSIs." In other words, critical wildlife sites may be destroyed if the pressure for commercial development is great enough.

Now that the Wildlife and Countryside Act has no meaning it should be replaced by an effective piece of legislation

Donald Philliany.
Friends of the Earth
Edinburgh.

No monopoly

Sir, — Richard Wainwright, MP (letters, October 3) claims that the concept of economic democracy "has been the basis of Liberal policies for more than 50 years." Be that as it may, it has been an essential socialist idea for much longer than that.

I suggest that Richard Wainwright reads the writings of the socialist William Morris of a century ago, and the voluminous output of the socialist G. D. H. Cole from the second and third decades of this century.

Furthermore, when the Labour Party adopted Clause Four and socialist principles in 1918, it called for "the widest participation in power . . . in industry as well as government" (Labour and the New Social Order). It is clear that the Liberal Party does not have a monopoly on wisdom.

If the Liberal Party is so keen on the idea of economic democracy, why did it oppose the Bullock Report on Industrial Democracy that was advanced by the last Labour government in 1977?

Geoff Hodgson.
Manchester.

Why government needs a dose of reality

Sir,—Your article on October 2 drew attention to the ill-advised decision by the Ministry of Agriculture to encourage farmers to carry out blanket-spraying of their lands against aphids carrying the Barley Yellow Dwarf virus. The environmental effects of this spraying (which would extend even to areas where no aphids are present as "insurance spraying") seem to have been little considered.

It is ironic that this autumn spraying regime is being promoted in a year when the Agricultural and Food Research Council, as part of its cuts imposed by the Government, has chosen to axe a programme of the Plant Breeding Institute in Cambridge concerning resistance to insects in cereals and sugar beet. This means, amongst other things, no more research into the development of aphid-resistant varieties of wheat. It is just such environmentally-sound research which the Government should be encouraging, and which would eventually remove the excuse for large-scale dosing

(Dr) F. H. Perring,
Royal Society for
Nature Conservation,
Lincoln.

Sir,—As a 20 year old army conscript (1947), for a time, I mixed D.D.T. powder and paraffin in a dingy, airless cellar in occupied Germany.

Some 37 years later, we are informed by the Ministry of Agriculture (Guardian 2.10.84) that although the existing products containing D.D.T. can still be sold, the Pesticides Safety Precaution Scheme will no longer approve products containing the chemical, "because scientific knowledge has advanced and other safer alternatives are now available." You also say that it is feared that there could be links between the chemical and damage to the nervous system.

If it has taken the Government nearly 40 years to realise that D.D.T. is a dangerous chemical and should be banned, one must suspect that there could very well be other chemicals in use today that could be at least as dangerous or more so.

I fail to see how the general public could have any confidence in those government bodies that are supposed to be watching over our health. Is it not time for these bodies to be re-organised?—Yours sincerely,

Teddy Gold.
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Liverpool.

Miscellany

Sir, — It was something of a revelation for me to read British Telecom's announcements in the press that the Speaking Clock is losing his voice and that they are looking for a replacement for him. For all these years I truly believed that I had been listening to a woman s

R. M. Gayford.
London N8.

Sir,—Your diarists' report October 3 of Ken Livingstone drinking Chablis premier cru in appreciation of mier cru in Blackpool provoked no surprise in informed circles. As Ken has a subtle appreciation of the hierarchical differences among both ines and people he correctly schews the Chablis grands crus, leaving them for the bosses.—Yours faithfully,

Michael Tremberth.
East Molesey

Sir, — Poor Pamela Fallows (Letters, October 5) appears to be shell-shocked after her exposure to subversive articles in the unfamiliar pages of the Guardian.

Dear lady, there are indeed very few idealists around. It is for precisely this reason that the last thing society requires is a laissez-faire system which leaves care and justice to an individual's conscience, instead of writing it in to a system to be enforce by common consent.

She goes on to state that humans never work for love or mutual benefit; does she really feel that the logical outcome of this statement is that they should have no restraints on their profits and ambitions?

Anyway, thank you, Mrs Fallows, you have given us an exhilarating insight into Tory attitudes.

Fay Marshall.
Worthing, Sussex.

Unnerving

Sir,—The report of the Institute for European Defence and Strategic Studies (Guardian, October 3) states that stocks of nerve gas shells will no longer be usable by 1990, and that therefore the US should "immediately complete the development of a new generation of binary nerve gas weapons."

This is surprising, and completely contradicts the published findings of the Blue Ribbon Panel set up by the US Defence Secretary, whose Report on Retaliatory Stockpiles Status Review, April 1983 says "Military utility of artillery munitions in stockpiles has not seriously degraded to date."

The report also states that 50 per cent of all nerve gas stocks should still meet army standards by 1990. Who is right?

Elizabeth Sigmund.
Working Party on Chemical and Biological Weapons,
Launceston,

Cold comfort for institutional catering

Sir, — Concern is expressed (October 4) that replacing a hot meal with a cold meal in a psychiatric hospital in Wales, may result in an "inadequate diet" for the patients.

There is a widespread misconception that hot food is nutritionally "better for you" than cold. This is not so. If anything, the converse is true because of the huge vitamin losses that can occur during cooking and when keeping food hot. This is a particular problem in institutional catering.

A meal based on sandwiches can be nutritionally every bit as good as a hot meal, perhaps better. Bread, whether white or brown, is a good food that supplies protein, vitamins, minerals, dietary energy in the form of starch (desirably) and dietary fibre (wholemeal bread contains more fibre than white). The eating quality of the bread is important.

Equally important is the sandwich filling. This should be made up of suitably varied items that are fresh and appetising. As with all meals, sandwich meals need to be well prepared and well presented if they are to be eaten and enjoyed. Also, the nature of the meal occasion as a social event is every bit as important as the nutritional quality of the food, particularly for people living in institutions.

We have, in Britain, an excellent public health service which monitors the safety of our food ensuring that suitable standards of hygiene are maintained. I wonder if the time has come to set up a national nutritional monitoring service to ensure that nutritional standards are maintained, especially in schools, hospitals and other institutions. — Yours

Michael Turner.
London EC2.

A COUNTRY DIARY

KESWICK: It was an ordinary autumn day, one of cloud and sun. But after noon the warmth got the better of the mist. Bumble bees and Red Admiral butterflies came to feed on the pale mounds of heath bloom beside the bird-bath, but the butterflies stayed on to bask and half-sleep in the warmth. Tonight is not ordinary at all: a strange night with another dimension, one to remember. The brown owls have come right up to the wide open, curtained window and are probably in the tall birch tree just outside. I shall not stir the curtain. Perhaps it is an owl family for their range of sound covers everything from confiding chirrups to a full owl cry. My cat is out, too, and I cannot help but wonder where he is and what part he has in the night. He also is a silent hunter, can turn his head almost full circle and sits, cock-eared to the mice below the sill. His eyes, large and full-orbed, can fix more "owl" than "cat", indeed an owl without wings. The sky was barred with cloud again at sunset but now it is clear and cold, almost a frosty sky with only a half-moon and glittering stars which snap as they do in real frost. The bats were here at dusk for the first time for months, hunting assiduously round the outlines of the spruce spires. Perhaps they too are laying up reserves for the cold to come? Yes, so long as the owl does not "call my name" it will be a night to remember ... but not for the mice, with bats, cats, and owls seeming to conspire against them.

ENID J. WILSON

On first opening the pages of Hayek's Road to Serfdom

Hugo Young

THE TORIES meet in Brighton on a resonant anniversary. I am not referring, as it happens, to Mrs Thatcher's tenth conference as the Conservative leader: a milestone no doubt due to be marked by many an unctuous peroration. The anniversary in question is both grander and less well remembered. It is exactly 40 years since what can only be called the intellectual foundation of the Conservative party as we now know it.

In October 1944, F. A. Hayek published a book entitled The Road to Serfdom. It was quickly established as a best-seller, becoming famous worldwide and in 12 languages. It is now a bible of British Conservatism, its author honoured by Mrs Thatcher, his other books — and there have been many — taking a place of equal eminence in the libraries of the Right. In short, Hayek, Austrian economist, LSE professor, Nobel prize-winner and still vigorous at 85, has become a cult figure.

But there is a problem. Many people have not read Hayek, and they include a good few of those who most emphatically agree with what he says. This may even be true of some of those loyal souls, co-worshippers with Mrs Thatcher at his shrine, who enter the Brighton conference centre tomorrow. And there is another group almost certainly suffering from a like defect: political writers, including, until the other day, this one.

Only one possible benefit can be extracted from such shameful professional negligence. Not having read a word of Hayek before, one can at least mark this anniversary — an oddly dislocated one, as we shall see — by taking a first, fresh sample of the guru, 40 years on.

IT IS VERY easy to see why The Road to Serfdom made such an impact when it first appeared. Published while the war was still going on, it was a sustained attack on many of the shibboleths which war had created, most notably the belief that economic planning should be extended from wartime into the post-war world.

Planning and the kind of non-doctrinal socialism inseparable from the conduct of global war were held by many social thinkers, including many political leaders from Churchill downwards, to represent an inexorable new order. Hayek's book proposed an eloquent and implacable argument that such a society would come to resemble nothing so much as the embodiment of National Socialism which the allied armies were even then fighting to extinguish.

For Hayek, central economic planning lead inescapably to totalitarianism. His book was a meticulous working-out of the consequences of this: for truth, for freedom, for bureaucracy and state power, but also for economic efficiency itself. Planning of any kind, he held, was an offence against nature, a vastly presumptuous and self-defeating attempt to impose on the myriad wishes and habits of men and women a single scheme of organisation.

Thus, a tract written for the post-Nazi era had a second birth in quite different circumstances. Hayek, meanwhile, had written a great deal more in his search for the minimal state. Well past the age of 70, the man and his ideas finally met their moment. They collided with a party traumatised by defeat, guilty about its failure and vengeful against a leadership which had distanced itself by a succession of U-turns from the policies set out in 1970.

It has been, in a way, a happy marriage. For if you want to believe in the need to wipe out the post-war period, Hayek provides a most felicitous justification. He is weighty, authoritative and, if you accept his premises, almost irresistible. He gives professorial validity to the new Conservative dream that the state not only must but can be reduced, and he strikes many a Thatcherite chord in the process.

He plays, for example, the candid foreign friend, urging the British to reassert their national pride, "their belief in the peculiar value of English civilisation." He cannot understand why we don't blow our own trumpets. More immediately, he supplies a lofty defence for the privatisation of British Telecom, with his argument all those years ago that monopolies are safer in private hands than under state control.

Similarly, he renders respectable the notion, dear to the private heart of many Tories, that social welfare spending should be merely the residual of economic policy. By far the most striking omission in The Road to Serfdom is its ruthless indifference to the poor and underprivileged. In a later book, Hayek argues against the very existence of such a concept as "social justice." The burgeoning think-tanks of the New Right, pumping this message out to the party, find such eminent support very reassuring.

Nor, of course, are the old professor's insights always unacceptable to a wider circle. Government can obviously be a menace. Its concentration of power needs constant vigilance. Bureaucracies and all their works are inescapable in a modern industrial society but they tend all the time to impede economic efficiency and intrude into private lives.

Hayek also has a timely warning for governments which depend solely on a large parliamentary majority. He called it the dictatorship of the proletariat — "the misleading and unfounded belief that so long as the ultimate source of power is the will of the majority, the power cannot be arbitrary."

The British state is not, however, totalitarian or anything like it. And neither is its scope and power something which the present government, for all its privatising urges, has been able to do a great deal about. The strongest and most determined anti-state government in western Europe, it has yet presided over a growth in the state's share of the gross national product.

Poor old Hayek! Forty years on, he is accepted as the guru — but of a utopia which, in the real world, is even more remote than the serfdom he so eloquently foresaw in 1944.

He denied the existence, in other words, of any kind of Middle Way, then the conventional wisdom of both Labour and Conservative parties. There was nothing between "the commercial and the military type of society" There could not be both freedom and planning, a mixture of state direction with private enterprise. Not only would it not work. It was bound to lead to the abolition of freedom — the road to serfdom.

Reading Hayek in 1984, one is struck by how thorough and honest he was in pursuing the logic of his case and also relating it to wartime experience. His fear of the reincarnation of German-style totalitarianism by the well-meaning British in their own society is passionate and clear-eyed. What also strikes one, however, is how deeply mistaken he turned out to be. Postwar Britain has not, actually, been like that.

Planning under different guises, has gone on ever since the war. Economic choice-making is an activity which, to some degree, even Thatcherism deems appropriate for governments. The Wilson government of 1964 attempted it more ambitiously, and it certainly involved the erection of laws which curtailed the laissez-faire society. Yet Hayek's categoric prediction in 1944, that such interference with naked competition would lead to "the doom of the freedom of the individual" now seems an absurd piece of hyperbole.

Nor can the Middle Way, which was pursued for fully 30 years from 1945, be said to have produced the economic disaster which Hayek said it would, hard though that now is to remember in the welter of fashionable contempt for the system which then prevailed. They were years of an unprecedented growth in national prosperity, experienced by all.

Looking further afield, one finds that the Hayekian prescription is even more fanciful. The transformed prosperity of both France and Japan over the past 30 years, by his account, ought not to have occurred. In both countries, central planning and an intimate relationship between government and industry were at the heart of the recovery. Which must lead one to suppose that, whatever may have gone wrong with the British economy in the last decade, the fact of government involvement cannot be the sole and irrefutable explanation.

BUT HAYEK is the guru of the Eighties and given this great gap between prophecy and experience one searches for a reason why. Why did he capture a political party? Why do its leaders so revere him?

It may have something to do with when they discovered his existence. The Road to Serfdom, although published in 1944, fell out of print for many years. The first paperback republication appeared as recently as 1976, just as the rightist takeover of the Tory Party was gathering pace. There is some doubt in Mrs Thatcher's circle about whether she had even heard of him, let alone read him, until after the fall of the Heath government in 1974.

Peter Jenkins

Troubles that call for vision

Hard-headed in times of trouble: Mrs Thatcher and Mr Scargill

THE "SCARGILL factor" appears to have filled the gap left by the fading of the "Falklands factor" in enabling Mrs Thatcher and her government to defy the laws of political unpopularity. For the last 12 months the wonder has been how little loss of popularity the Government has suffered in spite of many botches, a general lack of direction and its signal failure to take the measure of the unemployment problem. During all of those months the forces of the opposition have remained split, and at Westminster the incompetence of the Government has been exceeded only by the incompetence of the official opposition. Away from Westminster, for seven months, the political scene has been dominated by Mr Arthur Scargill and the struggles of the picket lines.

According to the most recent opinion polls the Government is moving sharply ahead of Labour, while the SDP-Liberal Alliance fails to advance. It is Mrs Thatcher, not Dr Owen or Mr Steel, who so far is the beneficiary of the "Scargill factor." The Government's standing with the public (according to the latest Mori poll) is virtually what it was on General Election polling day, and yet the Prime Minister's approval rating has been on the slide and other measurements of opinion show a good deal of discontent with the Government's handling of things, including the miners' strike.

What appears to be happening is similar to what happened in 1982 when the Falklands war transformed the political scene. Mrs Thatcher, a few months previously, had achieved a nadir of unpopularity unknown since Neville Chamberlain, while in the hypothetical General Election stakes the opinion polls, on the eve of war, had Conservatives, Labour and the newly-foaled SDP-Liberal Alliance all running neck-and-neck.

The Falklands war brought about a closing of the patriotic ranks behind the Government. That is what we mean by the "Falklands factor." Voters from the skilled working classes who had deserted Labour after the winter of discontent, but who had reverted to their traditional allegiance after 18 months or so of "Thatcherism," rallied to her once more behind the flag. Today they are rallying behind the police.

Of course there is more to it than that, in the same way that the "Falklands factor" was always too neat and simple explanation of what was happening beneath the political surface. For example, there were — and are — popular (or populist) roots to what we call "Thatcherism" and the patriotism aroused by the war was consistent with those deeper feelings—a sense, perhaps, that under successive previous governments the country had been let down and led to the dogs.

Nor was the "Falklands factor" a sufficient explanation of the ability of the Government to win a General Election with more than three million unemployed, double what it had inherited. This also must have reflected some underlying change in attitudes, some new eronomic realism (however well or ill-founded) or, perhaps, merely a new fatalism. The growing concern about unemployment within the political elite—which we may expect to manifest itself at the Conservative party conference this week—is not at the moment matched by any discernible movement in public opinion.

Also, the "Falklands factor" — and now the "Scargill factor" — did its work in the context of a profound structural change in British politics. The breaking of the old consensus, the turmoils on the left, the SDP breakaway, were events symptomatic of changes still in progress, perhaps only just begun. Transcendental issues such as the Falklands war, or today's near-civil war in Yorkshire, rise above and cut across party loyalties, not only because of their own force but also because of changing attitudes and the weakening of old allegiances.

The "Scargill factor," unlike the "Falklands factor," is not a random event, an external diversion distracting attention from domestic woes. It is in part an expression of those internal woes, feeding — as I recently argued — on the physical fact of mass unemployment but also on the wider moral misgivings aroused by the condition of the nation under Mrs Thatcher. But it is also, as we were shown in Blackpool last week, an expression of seismic changes in political geology — at the epicentre of which is the disintegration of the Labour Party as a credible or even constitutional, party of government.

To that extent, the Conservative Party is for the time being a party of government by default. Whether it is the "Falklands factor" or the "Scargill factor" which buoys the government up, its authority is anchored in the present flux of party politics and the instabilities of the left. It is an unusual state of affairs, for no one supposes the Government's relatively high standing rests upon its own achievements. Behind the scenes, and the Saatchi and Saatchi, of the Tory show in Brighton this week, lurks the question what happens when the "Scargill factor" in its turn has waned, and the Prime Minister stands alone on the record of her Government.

Five years of "Thatcheromics" have failed in their promise. The practice of monetary discipline, the controlling of inflation, and the loosening of the constraints upon the forces of the market show little sign of having accelerated the adaptation of the economy to the point at which the pace of job creation exceeds that of the factors contributing to unemployment. Now the recovery is slowing, the oil revenues are near their peak, the competitiveness of our trade position is deteriorating once more, and international sentiment is beginning to turn sour again concerning the performance and prospects of the British economy.

The Government's remedies for this state of affairs do not inspire confidence — even less so when their likely social cost is reckoned in terms of the fragilities of the social and poltical order as manifested in the miners' dispute, the revolt of city local authorities, and the march of the left through the institutions of the Labour movement.

The Government appears to have three remedies for this renewed onset of the "English sickness." (I am not taking privatisation seriously as a factor bearing upon the real economy, although it is an issue with a strong political symbolism, the electoral consequences of which are at present uncertain).

The three remedies are:

First, more of the same. That is more cuts in public expenditure in order to meet the growing costs of unemployment and to make room for the reductions in direct taxation which are supposed to provide the supply-side elixir of economic regeneration. This year's expenditure view, now in progress, may be a relatively mild affair (with Mr Norman Tebbit in the front line) but next year's could see the much-heralded arrival o fthe fiscal crisis of the welfare state.

Second, cuts in real wages. The Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, and the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, have been sounding the warning shots. What are politely known as "labour market rigidities" (i.e. trade unions), are seen as the chief impediment to the kind of adjustment made by the United States and Japan during the past recession. In order for unemployment to fall (it is argued), relative wage costs must first be lowered.

Third, more job opportunity programmes. The ennoblement and promotion to the Cabinet of Mr David Young, recently of the anpower Services Commission, was a signal both of the Government's realisation that Thatcherism is not enough and awareness of the political dynamite contained in the youth unemployment issue. One of the Prime Minister's friends was heard recently suggesting that youth unemployment among the middle classes could do for Mrs Thatcher what Vietnam draft and body count did for President Lyndon Johnson among the non-white middle classes of America.

Two of these three remedies seem bound to exacerbate the social tensions in the country. More cuts will add to the impoverishment of the inner cities and the centres of industrial decline. Pay conflicts will bring a deterioration of industrial relations and probably, new manifestations of Scargillism. Improved job training, meanwhile, is unlikely to more than scratch the problem of youth unemployment in the absence of a faster and sustained economic recovery.

Were it not for the "Scargill factor," were it not for the crisis of opposition which is today the central feature of British party politics, it is most unlikely that the Government—standing on its record—would stand as high as it does today. Britain's relative economic decline is patently neither arrested nor reversed, in spite of the providential windfall from the North Sea; the "English sickness" in uncured

With decline have come what I have called the "politics of decline," and that is what we see today as the political order fragments in frustration, bitterness and hate. The country—although not this country alone—is passing through a prolonged and painful period of economic change and social upheaval out of which may come—although it would be against the odds of history—a reversal of our downward path. Economic theory is no longer at the heart of the matter. The social question is coming to the fore and so is the political problem of governing by consent. What now is needed is the wisdom and the vision to steer through troubled times.

With only four weeks before America goes to the polls, ALEX BRUMMER reports from the Democrat stronghold of West Virginia where the President is sweeping all before him. Tomorrow HAROLD JACKSON, in the Republican fortress of Utah, finds that they love Reagan more than ever

Blue collar state backs winner

US ELECTION

BENEATH the shadow of a giant steaming coal-processing plant, deep in the autumn-tinged hills of rural Boone County, a group of burly mine construction workers protected by white helmets are laying a concrete screed. Another workman guards over a coal lorry as it fills with its rich dark product, while many miners, faces blackened from the pits, pass by.

Jerry Doler, 40, a large friendly man with a handsome drawl whose livelihood depends on the hard-pressed mining industry, unabashedly extols the virtues of Ronald Reagan. "I believe a lot of miners are going to vote for him because he's doing what he said he would and because of religion," he says.

As we stood, being splattered with a shower of coal-coloured rain from the machinery above near the hamlet of Twilight, Bill Tomblin, who has spent eight months out of the last two years unemployed and describes himself as a Democrat, moans that Reagan has done little for the poor people. Then he goes on to indicate he will vote for him.

Another older plant worker, Napoleon Bonsparte Danges, rushes over to make sure the message that "Reagan is a great man . . . the best president in a long time," gets across.

At the dingy redbrick unemployment office in Charleston, seat of the state's government, commerce and industry, a sallow young man of 32 years, Dave Brook, who lost his bakery job in the midst of the Reagan recession, says he thinks the president "has been pretty good . . . I liked the way he handled Grenada."

These sample of views from blue collar workers in West Virginia, historically the most unionised and democratic state in the nation, are bizarre. In 1960 this poor Appalachian state, with its well-oiled Democratic machine and solidly Protestant traditions, was the battleground chosen by John F Kennedy to prove he could beat Hubert Humphrey. In the 1980 Reagan landslide it was one of the four states to stay loyal to Carter-Mondale.

This without doubt should be fertile territory for Walter Mondale. The Reagan recovery has left West Virginia behind. At 14 per cent unemployment in the state is the highest in the country. While car workers are back on the assembly lines in Michigan coal miners in the impoverished Kanawha Valley, just a few miles from bustling Charleston, live in communities where the jobless rate reaches 70 per cent.

In the small shabby bars of Cabin Creek and Miami, the coal miners survive on a diet of welfare payments and the dollars that can be earned from burrowing in the hills for the free growing ginseng plant. At the Junction Lounge in Cheylan it was necessary to navigate five drunks at 6.30 pm in the evening, before finding a former miner who would render a sober judgment on the Reagan Presidency. "I wouldn't vote for him for dog catcher," remarked Terry Hodge, now the embittered owner of the bar.

Despite the state's strong Democratic traditions, the views of Hodge and other unemployed miners are becoming those of the minority, according to the latest opinion polling in the state. A survey by the Charleston Daily Mail (disputed vociferously by the editor of the rival Charleston Gazette, Mr Don Marsh) shows Mr Reagan with a 17.6 per cent lead in state.

Whether it is real or notional that kind of lead for the Republicans, in an industrial and heavily unionised state like West Virginia, is the equivalent of a political earthquake. It is a change in American society and attitudes which appears to go beyond the clever marketing of Reagan's benign image — the most mentioned explanation of the President's popularity in dozens of conversations in Charleston.

The roots of this shift in American political life are the result of the "three massive revolutions" which changed the shape of the nation's values between JFK's primary victory in West Virginia in 1960 and Richard Nixon's presidential win here in 1972, according to Dr Charles Lieble, professor of geography at the University of Charleston. He argues that political attitudes in the state and the country were altered by the passage and acceptance of civil rights, the Vietnam war and the environmental laws. These issues stopped being an intense cause for liberals because they had happened.

In Dr Lieble's view the moral, religious and conservative themes which appeal to West Virginians in 1984 were first "embodied by some of Nixon's supporters in 1972." They were the advanced guard for Ronald Reagan's America whose political progress was temporarily interrupted by Watergate and its reaction, the Carter presidency.

The change in value systems was accompanied by sociological shifts. In the schools and universities the experimentation of the 1960s, when student participation and liberalisation of teaching methods were all the rate, have given way to a return to the basics. It has produced a generation of students with shorter hair, conservative views, an almost selfish concentration on economic advancement, and a fascination with the high-tech world.

Indeed, in this election year it is Mr Mondale and Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, the liberals who might have been cheered on campus in the past, who have faced Reaganaut hecklers at the nation's universities. I have seen Mr Mondale fight to be heard above pro-Reagan students in San Jose, the heart of silicon valley, and Mrs Ferraro struggle above the conservative protesters at the University of Southern California.

The opinion surveys, in one of their more extraordinary findings, show a 7-3 year-old Republican President more popular among the 18 to 23-year-olds than among any other age group in the country.

In West Virginia, as in other states, Mr Reagan is also reaping a benefit from the decline of the unions. The crusading editor of the Charleston Gazette Mr Don Marsh argues that the "conventional smokestack coalition of the new deal has broken down." Civil Rights also produced a conflict between "blue collar workers an Quotas" which has unshackled the union voters from the Democratic Party.

In 1970 West Virginia was the most unionised state in America with 46.6 per cent of its workers unionised. By 1980 this figure had dropped to 34.4 per cent and it has continued to decline as the coal industry has been buffeted by successive economic recessions, the decline of America's steel industry and the loss of markets as the price of American coal has become increasingly uncompetitive.

This has had a devastating political effect. In 1960 it was possible for the Kennedy's with the help of suitcases of cash to deliver West Virginia through the unions. "The United Mineworkers cannot deliver the votes anymore," says Dr Lieble. Similarly, across the country the AFL-CIO, America's largest trades union confederation, is in crisis as the economic centre of the country moves to less unionised states of the south and heavy industrial jobs from the North-East to California, give way to non-union service industries and high-tech jobs.

While these shifts partly explain Mr Reagan's popularity they by no means tell the whole story. Indeed, many people I spoke to in West Virginia, from unemployed miners in the Green Lantern tavern in Miami to a labour lawyer in Charleston, suggested that Senator Gary Hart would have been well able to take advantage of the sociological changes in the state.

The secret of Mr Reagan's popularity, in the view of the state Republican Party chairman, Mr Kent Strange Hall, is what he calls "psychological." Mr Hall, an amiable man who is ideologically at odds with his Party's standard bearer on such issues as abortion, women's rights and prayer in schools, argues that "politics is now a marketing endeavour."

"There is no rational explanation of why people buy a product. It is a marketing job. You have got to have a product and Reagan, as a master of style, comes across as a good product on television with which you can identify," he says.

Mr Hall, until recently, personally believed that the Republican Party "was doomed unless it opened the doors to blacks, labour unions and women."

But Reagan, a product wrapped in patriotism, together with the shifting trends of American industrial society, have proved such conventional wisdom wrong. Even the most unlikely of states are now material for a Republican landslide.

CHANGES TO TELEPHONE CHARGES

British Telecommunications plc announces the following changes to telephone charges. These are the first changes for main telephone services (other than international calls) since November 1983. Overall, the changes on exchange line rentals and on local and national (formerly known as trunk) calls are within the limit set by the BT Licence.

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Exchange line and standard telephone rental.
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Exclusive rental increased by £1.00 to £15.15 per quarter.
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Rebate on rental for low use residential lines increased from 3.0p to 3.2p per unused unit below 120 call units per quarter.

Business.
Exclusive rental increased by £1.50 to £23.50 per quarter.
Shared rental increased by £1.45 to £22.45 per quarter.

FROM NOVEMBER 5th 1984.
Charges for calls from ordinary lines.
Call unit charge increased by 0.3p to 4.7p.
20-25% more time for peak and standard rate national (formerly trunk) calls over 56 kms will make these calls cheaper on average.

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Hunter in the Lloyd's jungle

BUSINESS PEOPLE

What do managers do all day? We start a new weekly feature which looks at the way in which people tackle business problems: the relationship between the business activity and the person carrying it out. Here Mary Brasier looks at the way Ray Pettitt, chairman of Lloyd's brokers Minet, found himself picking up the pieces of one of the City's most serious scandals in a decade.

ON SUNDAY November 21, 1982, Ray Pettitt, deputy chairman of Lloyd's brokers Minet Holdings was called to a surprise meeting of the company's top directors. The unscheduled conference was to discuss the tide of panic swirling round the company following revelations that at least $40 millions from Minet owned syndicates at Lloyd's had gone missing.

By the time Mr Pettitt left the meeting he was chairman of the company and heir to a problem that now ranks as one of the City's worst and most expensive scandals.

In a bloodless coup that Sunday, Minet's chairman John Wallrock was ousted from the job he had held for 11 years. Three days earlier, he had told colleagues he had a personal interest in the reinsurance arrangements which were now causing such concern to the Department of Trade and the Lloyd's authorities. Minet's directors decided Mr Wallrock should resign and Mr Pettitt was appointed to succeed him.

Many outsiders still feel it was a strange choice. Minet had two deputy chairmen, and the other, Simon Arnold (who recently left the company) was a more colourful personality, more familiar with the London market. Mr Pettitt at 46 was regarded as a natural deputy rather than a leader. He was also shattered at the way events had unfolded.

He admired and respected Mr Wallrock who had been one of the pillars of the Lloyd's community after a 30-year career. Mr Pettitt had spent the bulk of his career so far in Kenya setting up joint broking ventures in Africa.

Nothing in his background had prepared him for a problem of the scale of the PCW syndicates' losses, and in any case he had never been involved in the underwriting side of the business, as Minet is foremost an insurance broking house.

According to one business acquaintance: "Mr Pettitt is quite a shrewd operator but he was very green when he was shoved into the hot seat." He landed the job partly because he had been working with Mr Wallrock over the previous three weeks since the PCW affair broke in trying to tackle the problem of how much money had disappeared from the syndicates, where it had gone and who now controlled it.

"We had spent the time talking to PCW directors and trying to get a feel of the problem but initially we could not even get to first base," recalls Mr Pettitt. They were also hampered by the fact that the Department of Trade which had launched an investigation into Minet had taken away all the relevant files.

Mr Pettitt says: "We were not making any progress in the early days. Then after Mr Wallrock told us he had an interest in the reinsurance programmes being investigated and offered his resignation everything happened very quickly. Mr Wallrock stepped down that Sunday. By Wednesday three more directors of PCW had resigned. But Mr Pettitt still did not know how bad the problem was.

"I had a shrewd idea the job was going to be a nightmare, but I have a substantial claims background which helped. In the early days there was so much drama there was no time to absorb the implications of the problem," he says.

Mr Pettitt is not a man to get excited by anything and his first mistake was to imagine that as long as he could get the machinery of investigation in place the PCW affair and scandal that it was causing, could be contained. He was equally concerned that Minet's mainstream business would suffer, partly from the adverse blaze of publicity.

He was anxious to insist in those first weeks that PCW was but a tiny part of the Minet empire — an attitude which seemed to reveal a blind ignorance to the effects that the whole affair could have on the Lloyd's community and the City's reputation at large.

The initial drama abated. Mr Pettitt settled down to a more comfortable routine. Armies of accountants and lawyers were sent to pore over the PCW figures. Mr Pettitt shored up the syndicates' management, set about restoring Minet's worldwide credibility and waited for the information on the extent of the scandal to come in.

"The physical and mental pressure was enormous and PCW occupied 95 per cent of our time in the first six months. We started work at eight in the morning and went on until nine or 10 in the evening seven days a week."

Mrs Pettitt, says her husband, was "very understanding but she had no choice." The Pettitts abandoned their social life but managed a two-week holiday in the middle of PCW. Four or five months after Mr Wallrock's resignation Mr Pettitt was able to see the problem more clearly. "In retrospect our perception in December 1982 was incredibly naive." Minet's crisis had two peculiar features: one was that assessing the extent of the losses was so complex. The final analysis detailed over 150 trusts and companies in more than seven countries through which PCW reinsurance premiums had passed.

Secondly, when it came to devising a solution for returning the funds to the syndicate names where they belonged there was no blueprint.

In many City crises, company bankruptcies, banking rescues, there are precedents. But Minet had no example to follow in making sure the syndicates continued underwriting and returning and apportioning funds to more than 1,500 different current names for a period of time that stretched back 14 years.

Mr Pettitt grew frustrated partly because after a lifetime of travelling he was forced to sit in London and wait while investigators delved through accounts from Bermuda to Gibraltar. But then there was a breakthrough: they discovered £25 million in a Gibraltar trust fund and so had more than half the money needed to compensate names for losses which had finally been put at a massive £38 million.

Mr Pettitt too was maturing. Initial decisions had been put to executive committees, but now the chairman was taking a more prominent role. Key moves such as appointing a new "Mr Clean" chairman of the PCW agency company had come from others — in that case Simon Arnold. Even later when dealing with angry names he often appeared indecisive. One recalled how: Mr Pettitt never said yes or no. He always wanted to take the question away. We felt he was not master of his own destiny and certainly not an entrepreneurial type.

But Mr Pettitt learned to feed on the drama, and toughened up. The offer to names made in June this year was his creation. He telephoned Jack Bogardus of Alexander & Alexander in New York and invited him to London to discuss terms for a joint compensation to names and the return of the Gibraltar money.

It is an example, as he admits, of how he automatically searches for the pragmatic solution. After a few bad moments, such as when the Inland Revenue warned it might tax the offer proceeds, and then when only 75 per cent of names accepted initially, the offer went through in August. The Ray Pettitt who announced the final results was a different man. "I felt elated. I had found the adverse publicity surrounding the offer more hurtful and difficult to handle than many other aspects of the affair."

Outsiders had described the Pettitt solution variously as a "civil servant job with no flair" and "getting away with murder." Mr Pettitt's dealings with names in putting over a difficult compromise to them would undoubtedly have been helped by a more sympathetic approach. "He seems to have difficulty smiling," was one comment.

"They also could have sold us on the solution more easily if they had grasped the non-monetary aspects we put forward." It is another example of his clear cut approach to problems that Mr Pettitt turned up at the offices of solicitors Clifford-Turner at 7 30 pm on June 21 expecting to sign the offer that had been drafted by Minet and Howden.

A press conference had been arranged for the following morning to announce the details. In the event it was just not as easy as Mr Pettitt had imagined. Last minute objections by A & A lawyers led to an all night wrangling session. The deal was not finally signed until 8 45 am the following morning, only a few hours before the deal was to be publicised.

But Mr Pettitt is proud of the deal, and colleagues, although they may dispute how much he personally achieved, admit the offer resolved an almost intractable problem and largely fulfilled the aim of fending off heavy litigation against Minet.

Ray Pettitt — in at the deep end

The group's major shareholders, suspected of having pressured Pettitt, cannot be dissatisifed. "If I could put the clock back I would have firmed up the organisation. It might have been wiser to spread the burden of handling it," says Mr Pettitt.

He also regrets the damage done to development of the business even if decisions are now taken in five minutes rather than four hours thanks to the PCW experience. The affair is likely to have been Mr Pettitt's finest hour. City opinion is that Minet wants a firm admininstrative hand to put it back on course. If that is what is needed rather than strokes of genius, then Ray Pettitt is the man for the job that lies ahead.

The country where the plane takes the strain

Jan Rocha looks at the Brazilian bid for the RAF trainer contract

AN ORDER worth $180 millions to supply 150 jet training planes to the Royal Air Force is being disputed by the Brazilian Tucano and the Swiss Pilatus PC-9. Both planes were on show recently at Farnborough. If the order goes to Brazil, the Tucano will be built under licence by Short Brothers in Belfast.

Many people must have been surprised to discover that a valuable contract to supply the RAF with a new fleet of jet trainers could go to a Brazilian company, Embraer. What can Brazil, country of carnival, coffee, football, and indians, and lately troublesome priests, possibly know about building aircraft?

Even more surprising is the discovery that not only does Brazil boast a highly successful aircraft industry, but it also claims to have produced the "Father of Aviation." He is Alberto Santos Dumont, born in 1873 in Minas Gerais, the son of a wealthy engineer. Fascinated by the books of Jules Verne, he went to study in Paris. There, between 1898 and 1909, Santos Dumont designed, built and tried out over 20 different flying machines, balloons, dirigibles and aeroplanes.

In the flight that Brazilians and French recognise as the first in a machine heavier than the air, he flew 60 metres at a height of two to three metres on October 23, 1906.

During later flights Santos Dumont is said to have invented the wristwatch, to solve the problem of looking at the time when both hands were fully occupied.

Soon, many other Brazilians had begun building and flying airplanes. Between 1910 and 1976 over 1,000 different prototypes took to the air. There were amphibians, gliders, trimotors, helicopters, monoplanes, but few were successful and even fewer achieved financial backing. Instead Brazil became the biggest single importer of small aircraft from the United States — importing over 2,000 four-six seaters between 1963 and 1974, for use by company executives, cattle ranchers and millionaires.

With a country covering eight million square kilometres, transport has always been a problem in Brazil. Few good roads existed before the 1960s, and the railway network is almost non-existent, because unlike the British, Brazilians never got excited about trains.

They preferred planes. Instead of building a high speed rail link between the two major cities, Rio and Sao Paulo, for example, to replace the meandering single track often blocked by landslides, they invented the first air shuttle.

In 25 years existence, the shuttle has flown over 20 million passengers, providing 33 flights each way every day.

In the Amazon, access to many places is only possible by plane: Indian villages, goldmines, cattle ranches. Towns on the rivers, used to be served by the Catalina flying boats, splashing down on the water once a week. Now it's the Brazilian built Bandeirante plane, able to land in a stretch of grassy field, that flies these routes.

The Bandeirante, an 18-seater twin engine turbo prop was the plane that launched the Brazilian aviation industry. After many unsuccessful private ventures, it was only when the government decided to create a state aviation company, Embraer, in 1969, that aircraft building in Brazil took off. Its first entirely Brazilian model, the Bandeirante, became an immediate success, because it filled a gap left by the escalation of the aviation industry in the industrialised countries.

While they built bigger, faster and more sophisticated aircraft, the Bandeirante, sturdy, simple and low cost, answered the need for short haul small planes. Four hundred and fifty have now been built. In 1977 Embraer said modestly in a press release. "The eventual penetration in such sophisticated markets as the US and Europe is not ruled out."

Embraer also developed a successful line in agricultural spraying planes, and a series of military aircraft. The company has now produced over three thousand planes. The latest of these is the Tucano, already flying with the Brazilian and Egyptian air forces. Now the Brazilians hope that the RAF will soon be flying the Tucano too. They may not get excited about trains, but they believe they do know a thing or two about planes.

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The White House approach of distancing itself from all the sleaze does work

AMERICAN NOTEBOOK

Alex Brummer

IT'S BREAKFAST time in Charleston, West Virginia. The television picture flickers and up comes a portrait of Arch Moore, the smiling and bland Republican candidate for Governor framed with a border of dollar bills.

A half-frantic voice talks over the picture "Where's the cash Arch, where's the cash?" Viewers are then told that on the same day in 1972 that Richard Nixon received an illegal donation of $100,000 from Ashland Oil Arch Moore, then fighting an earlier campaign, received $23,000. Nixon paid it back but Moore it is said didn't.

Arch Moore is the "sleaze factor" in West Virginian *politics. Seldom a day goes* by without the Charleston Gazette detailing his tangled financial affairs and his Democratic opponent Clyde See asking for a full disclosure of what he alleges are some $200,000 of illegal campaign contributions.

But does it make any difference to his political fortunes? The answer must be no. The opinion polls show Moore way ahead of his Democratic challenger and in the poor mining villages along Kanawha River, where unemployment is the norm, Moore is talked of fondly — even though these are some of the strongest Democratic communities in the country. It appears at times that Americans have become so used to alleged corruption among their local leaders that it no longer makes any difference when they hear of it at a national level.

Mr Moore like his party's standard bearer in the 1984 Presidential race Ronald Reagan appears immune to such allegations. By any normal *standards the last week was* highly damaging for the Republicans.

The holder of a critical economic portfolio in the President's Cabinet Mr Raymond Donovan, the Labour Secretary, appeared in court on fraud charges relating to his former firm, the Schiavone Construction Company of New Jersey. He pleaded not guilty. Mr Donovan's co-defendents in the case include at least one man with known Mafia links, who has been accused of second degree murder.

Mr Donovan's indictment breaks new ground. He is the first Cabinet officer in US history to be indicted while in office. Yet, he technically remains in office. The President, instead of severing all connections with an alleged criminal, took the least line of resistance and granted him unpaid leave of absence.

Has this scarred Mr Reagan's popularity? Not as far as one can tell. The White House, taking a leaf out of *Arch Moore's book, has kept* mum hiding behind the pretence that it doesn't want to prejudice the outcome of the case. In reality of course, many Americans cases (most notably John De Lorean's) receive a full blast of pre-trial publicity without any danger to a fair trial.

It does seem that the White House approach of distancing itself from the sleaze and shutting-up does work. In the last six weeks, aside from Mr Donovan, several other bits of nastiness have afflicted the Reagan entourage. On September 24, Mr Lynn Helms quietly left his job as Federal Aviation Administrator, after he was accused along with others of allegedly pocketing $1.2 million from a bond issue in Arkansas.

Earlier in September Mr Thomas Reed, who had served as a special adviser on nuclear issues on the National Security Council, pleaded innocent to criminal charges that he used inside information to turn a $3,125 investment into a *$427,000* profit in 48 hours.

In a third case Senator Paul Laxalt, President Reagan's campaign director and the general chairman of the Republican Party, was allegedly tied to organised crime at casinos by the Sacramento Bee newspaper. The newspaper and other would-be Laxalt critics were silenced when he hit with a $250 million libel suit which will almost certainly not be tested until after the election.

True or otherwise, all of these allegations have a Nixonesque quality. But it is a comparison which is seldom made. Indeed, although the Republicans have almost had a monopoly of scandal in the build-up to November's elections, it is the Democrats, who have taken the heat. Mrs Geraldine Ferraro, who took the brave decision to meet the critics of her personal finances head on rather than hide behind a dubious sub-judice claim, found the media swarming around her affairs like bees at a honeypot.

Each new twist in her or her husband's affairs have been greeted like the latest episode in TV soaps Dallas or Dynasty. Did her husband John Zaccaro cheat the widow woman in New York or not? Did her father-in-law the late Philip Zaccaro rent an apartment to a Mafia boss? Did the Ferraro-Zaccaro's fail to disclose $100,000 in income between 1979 and 1982 or not?

Interestingly, because there has been so much concentration on Mrs Ferraro's finances the Vice-President Mr George Bush has been drawn into the fray while other Reagan officials, with much larger blots on their copy books, have escaped. But even when Bush finally disclosed his tax returns — after weeks of claiming he couldn't — the television networks decided to top it by dealing with new disclosures about Mrs Ferraro first.

This extraordinary probing of the first woman Veep nominee's financial affairs, which has had Wall Street Journal reporters scurrying around in the most remote corners of Mafia in a desperate search for dirt, has begun to cause some reaction. The liberal magazine the New Republic has recently been asking whether disclosure in America has gone too far and whether it is time to roll back the post-Watergate panoply of ethics and disclosure laws.

The answer must be an emphatic no. However immune the voters have become to political corruption they cannot completely have given up on unfairness and integrity in a country which in many ways is so deeply religious.

Unfortunately, Mrs Ferraro because of her unprecedented role for a woman in American public life has been the star of this election campaign's disclosure show. But that does not mean it's over. The sleaze and criminality in the Nixon administration was just boiling to the surface in 1972 but didn't dominate the headlines and the political train of events until after the election.

Indeed, it may be in the months ahead when Mr Donovan is in court. Mr Bush is fighting the Internal Revenue Service, Mr Laxalt's libel case comes to trial and Mr Reed is contesting his criminal charges that the greatest disclosures may come. It is still possible that the so-called "Teflon" (non-stick) president may eventually be stripped of his protection.

Consumers' group against using miners' dispute to raise tariffs

Electricity price warning

By Michael Smith, Industrial Editor

The Electricity Consumers' Council is urging the Government not to pass on the effects of the miners' strike to households and industry by raising electricity prices.

The Council, the statutory watchdog body for the electricity supply industry, says it would be wrong if the extra costs incurred in maintaining supplies led to an increase in prices.

Instead, the Council is asking the Government to bear the rising cost of the dispute entirely on its own by adjusting the industry's cash limits.

The Government could bear the additional costs of maintaining electricity supplies by reducing the large sums which the industry is due to pay to the Treasury this year under the cash limits regime. The current target is for the industry to pay the Treasury £740 million from its surpluses this year, a big increase on the £406 million target set in the last financial year.

At the same time, the Electricity Consumers' Council points out today that the industry has for too long been paying too much for the UK coal it uses.

Mr John Hatch, the Council chairman, says in his annual statement today: "There is no *justification whatsoever for* electricity consumers to carry on subsidising the coal industry through their electricity bills.

"It is very much in the interests of electricity consumers to have cheaper coal," says Mr Hatch. "Coal is used to generate electricity and expensive coal means unnecessarily high electricity bills for household consumers and industry."

However there is increasing speculation that the Government will ignore the pleas of the consumer and pass on the extra costs of maintaining electricity supplies, through a "Scargill surcharge" which will explain why prices have gone up.

City stock brokers, Laurie Milbank & Co have estimated that to pass on the extra costs the average electricity bill will have to rise by £15 next year, while an all-electricity household will face a £40 increase in its bills.

The main item of extra cost in keeping up electricity supplies is the increased use of oil at the power stations.

Laurie Milbank estimated that the four-fold increase in oil burning in recent months was costing the Central Electricity Generating Board an additional £45 million a week. After deducting the much reduced cost of coal, the brokers put the CEGB bill so far at £430 million and the firm estimated that if the strike continued into December the net cost to the CEGB would be £650 million.

Latest figures from the Department of Trade and Industry show that imports of oil, coal and other fuel soared during August, despite the warm weather.

The value of fuel imports in August was slightly over £1 billion, up from £694 million in July and almost double the £569 million imported into *Britain in August, 1983.*

The main reason for the big increase was a sharp jump in the intake of oil from overseas. The volume of imports in August climbed to 2.5 million tonnes, equal to the highest monthly intake of the year and some 25 per cent higher than the corresponding month of last year.

The cost of these imports soared to £818 million, the highest monthly figures for this year and almost double the cost of imports a year ago.

Final bonanza for home micros

By Peter Large

SALES of cheap home computers will soar again this Christmas. It may be the bigest boom. It will also be the last. Next year the industry *will be on a smoother* costlier role.

The top three in business in Britain — Sinclair, Acorn, and Commodore — showed rare unity at the weekend in the verdict.

They are confident of one final bonanza for the cheapest machines because of the evidence this year that sales have finally shifted from the A/B social classes to the C1s and the C2s. As Chris Curry, co-founder of Acorn, puts it: "There's half a market to go."

After that, all three firms agree that demand will dwindle for restricted computers costing less than £100. They say (and their new advertising is geared to it) *that the British*, with more home computers per capita than any other nation, are now moving on to "serious" and communicating computers — in the home as well as in the office.

Therefore the first phase of a revolution begun by Sir Clive Sinclair less than five years ago, when he produced a £100 computer four times smaller and four times cheaper than anything else then around, may already be over.

Mr Curry foresees a parallel with colour TV sales — customers now ready to pay between £250 and £500 and ready to change about every three years.

He is less cautious than his competitors in forecasting the speed at which huge slices of the nation will communicate via computer. All three firms see immediate demand for phone line links to central computers to obtain information and software and to expand the capabilities of the home computer.

But Mr Curry believes that 1985 will also see the start of the sort of home automation that the futureologists have been babbling about since the 1960s—home computers operating untemperamental burglar and fire alarms, controlling the lights, doors and cookers and providing take off for the current small experiments in home *shopping and home* banking.

● The shortage of chips is still a problem for computer makers. Telemetrix, which makes graphics display terminals has enjoyed a year of rapid growth in home and export markets but says its performance has been restricted by the difficulty of getting components. The chairman, Mr Roy Cole, says that this difficulty continues but will be shared by all companies in his sector.

Forestry Commission is "extraordinarily slow to wake up'

Acid rain symptons in the UK

By Rosemary Collins, Agriculture Correspondent

Damage discovered on trees on Forestry Commission land in Scotland and north west England is remarkably similar to that widely acknowledged to have been caused by acid rain in Germany and Sweden.

Symptoms of the damage include the death of new shoots, loss of pine needles, browning of foliage and a slowing down in the rate of growth of some trees.

Until recently the Forestry Commission has cast doubt on the connection between atmospheric pollution and damage to trees in Continental Europe. But at a seminar organised by the Scottish Wildlife Trust last week Dr Bill Binns and Dr D. B. Redfern of the Forestry Commission admitted that "remarkably similar" damage had been found in Britain during March of this year.

Commission researchers are believed to be investigating possible links between the newly-found damage and climatic patterns in recent years.

They maintain that a climatic cause is probable but have not yet been able to identify it. They have, however, invited a West German scientist expert in the acid pollution of soil to inspect the sites of damage in Britain, which Dr Binns described at the SWT seminar as "new and quite widespread," and involving six tree species.

Today Friends of the Earth, the environmental pressure group, appealed to the Forestry Commission to extend the invitation to other German scientists equally well versed in atmospheric acid pollution.

"We believe that the Commission has been extraordinarily slow to wake up to the possibility of acid rain damage in Britain," FOE countryside campaigner Chris Rose said yesterday. "Despite the recommendations of the House of Commons Environment Committee this year, there is still no ozone or nitrous oxide monitoring in British forests.

"Even if the Commission does find a correlation between the new kind of damage and some climatic event—a warm winter or a dry spring, or whatever—it will not prove cause and effect."

Last year tree damage now attributed in Sweden to acid rain was found to cover 17 per cent of the forest area, when Swedish forestry experts had previously denied any widespread problem. This followed a briefing by West German scientists on what to look for. When the foresters went back to look they found the true scale of the problem.

In the Coal and Energy Quarterly published this summer. Dr Binns wrote that "examination of British conifer forests has revealed no symptoms similar to those seen in Germany, and no damage that can be described as new." The chances of a similar phenomenon to the German forest damage occurring in Britain were said by Dr Binns in that article to be "low."

The commercial repercussions for the Forestry Commission of the discovery of widespread damage of this tree growth-inhibiting kind could be far-reaching.

NEWS IN BRIEF

NORWEGIAN and British energy ministers meeting in London next week will not be able to settle a dispute over a £20 billion North Sea gas deal, British junior minister for oil, Alick Buchanan-Smith, said.

Speaking to the Norwegian News Agency, Mr Buchanan-Smith said there were no prospects for gas deliveries from the Sleipner field this year and that a lot of work would have to be done before agreement was reached.

Norway's minister of oil and energy, Kaare Kristiansen, leaves for London today to meet Energy Minister Peter Walker tomorrow.

THE British National Oil Corporation is reported to have won tentos acceptance by the oil industry for a further standstill in North Sea oil prices. Despite some objections, BNOC has won agreement to hold price for the rest of the year and thus secure government revenue.

THE loss of jobs in the printing industry is expected to accelerate in the coming months. Two-thirds of firms questioned by the British Printing Industries Federation say they expect to shed labour in the next three months compared with only 52 per cent previously.

EUROPEAN economies are expected to continue their recovery with slightly higher growth next year, according to Mr Doug McWilliams of the CBI. New estimates are that the average growth among 16 European nations will be 2¾ per cent in 1985 compared with 2¼ per cent this year.

House prices rise by 7.6 pc

By Tony May

House prices in Great Britain rose by 7.6 per cent in the year to September with the latest three months showing a 2 per cent increase. New properties increased in price by 1.5 per cent in the quarter, other houses went up by 2.1 per cent while the prices of houses suitable for first-time buyers grew fastest at 2.5 per cent.

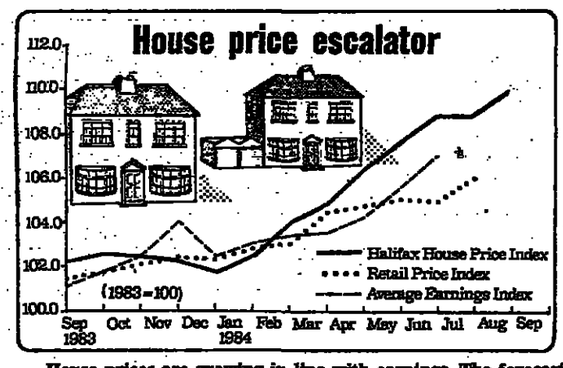
So far this calendar year house prices have risen by 7.6 per cent, up 1 per cent on last month. According to the Halifax Building Society's house price index, this rise is unusually high for this time of year.

However the Halifax still expects the whole of 1984 to show an increase for all homes of 8 per cent.

Over the past 12 months prices for first-time buyers have climbed by 8.8 per cent and by 7.5 per cent so far for the calendar year.

As usual the regional breakdown of the figures shows large variations in house price movements.

Prices in London and the South East continue to move ahead faster than elsewhere—nearly three times faster than in the North and North West. The latest quarter shows a rise in Greater London of 11 per cent against just 3 per cent in the North.



House prices are growing in line with earnings. The forecast rise for the year is 8 per cent with a slightly faster rise seen for 1985 but this is "not likely to be more than 10 per cent."

The gap between average house prices in the various regions opened up slightly in the quarter. An inter-war semi in Yorkshire would sell for £22,500 but would cost £51,700 in London.

Commenting on the national and region figures, Mr Alan Greenhalgh, the Halifax general manager, said "we are beginning to see the first signs of the usual seasonal downturn in mortgage demands.

"Given our early predictions of a slightly higher level of price increases in 1985, some buyers may be tempted into the market now, especially given the good supply of funds resulting from the present high levels of competition."

Looking at who brought what in the third quarter the Halifax says that nearly 70 per cent of existing properties on which it offered mortgages went to 25-44 year olds. Of these 34 per cent were semi-detached properties, 28 per cent terraced and less than 19 per cent detached homes.

NEI now out of Coles deal

By Maggie Brown

Northern Engineering Industries, tipped as a potential buyer of Acrow's Coles Cranes from receiver Cork Gully now says it is no longer interested in acquiring the Sunderland company.

Cork Gully confirms that "discussions with Coles management are taking place" and a buy-out of the 99-acre works is thought to be the best option available. But this depends on a financial package being pieced together.

A management buy-out rather than sale to a competitor, is seen as the best way of saving jobs, a priority for all parties concerned.

Coles employed more than 1,200 of Acrow's 3,330 workforce, is the largest employer in Sunderland, and is still probably Europe's largest maker of mobile cranes, although the Japanese lead world-wide.

The receivers have been running the bulk of Acrow's business as a going concern since the banks, led by Barclays, withdrew their support on September 4. A number of sales are due to be finalised within two to three weeks.

There is considerable interest in the Thomas Storey military "bailey" bridges company, based in Stockport.

Little change seen by City revolution

By Peter Rodgers, City Editor

The restructuring of the City begun over a year ago will achieve little in increasing the efficiency of the securities' markets and is unlikely to affect the amount of savings which go to it, according to Professor James Ball, of the London Business School, which has been influential in government economical policy making.

Sir James is also chairman of the big Legal and General insurance group and he attacked Mrs Thatcher's policy of spreading private share ownership when he said that the City revolution now underway was unlikely to more than marginally alter the balance of power between City institutions and private shareholders. However, he added that, "Clearly what it might change is the balance between one financial institution and another."

Sir James said: "I doubt very much whether the current flurry of change in the financial structure is going to contribute much to increasing the efficiency of the operation of securities markets."

Sir James, writing for today's issue of Lloyds Bank Review, argued that the belief that more private shareholdings would lead to a more positive attitude of risk taking was "quite unsubstantiated." There was no evidence that private savers would take different risks in their investments from institutions, such as pension funds and insurance companies.

Professor Ball also disputes the view that the big institutions indirectly restrict the financial independence and responsibility of private individuals. Most individuals need help with their financial affairs and the idea of reversing the trend away from institutional investment towards direct investment by individuals "is based on a general concept of financial man which is itself a mirage."

Professor Ball also attacks the argument that institutions are sleepy and do not put pressure on business management. He says that by definition the larger the number of investors the less any individual one can influence management.

He maintained that institutions played an important part in the restructuring of British industry over the past five years. "There is no evidence at all that a more individual and fragmented market would have made that contribution more effectively," he adds.

Financial services growing

By our Economies Staff

The business and financial services industry will experience annual growth of around 3.1 per cent over the next decade, according to a report prepared by Cambridge Econometrics. Although less than the growth rate of the last 10 years this would represent about twice the rate of growth which the Cambridge forecasting group thinks the whole economy is likely to record over the same period.

A major feature of the next decade, it says, will be increased competition between financial institutions for high street deposit, reflecting increased demands from consumers for a better return on savings, particularly transactions or current balances. An extra 220,000 jobs is likely to be provided in the industry in the 10 years to 1993. This is substantial, though only half what the industry has provided during the past decade.

As a result of huge spending on capital equipment for new developments, like on-line banking, investment (including leased assets) is forecast to grow at an average annual rate of 2.9 per cent over the next 10 years. By 1993 the industry's share of total UK investment is expected to rise to nearly 20 per cent, compared with 16 per cent last year.

Expanded competition will be accompanied by increasing use of new technology which will allow for the provision of hitherto unheard of new services like electronic banking from home. The automation of much clerical work and the need to control labour costs in a competitive environment will limit the expansion of employment in the industry.

This report will come as a mixed blessing to the Government which is looking to the service industries to be the main generator of jobs. It will be pleased that nearly half a million new jobs could be generated by this important part of the service industries.

Brazil moans as coffee drinkers rejoice

COMMODITIES

Robin Stainer

WORLD coffee prices could now fall quite sharply as a result of the measures agreed in London last week to control supplies during the coming 12 months. That, at least, is the fear of the leading producers, like Brazil, which ended up with a worse deal than they were hoping for after more than two weeks of difficult negotiations with consumers.

More than 70 countries, all members of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO), were involved in discussions to fix the internationally defended price range for 1984-5, the size of the global export quota for the period and the mechanism for adjustments. The final deal that was accepted, however, was worked out by a caucus comprising the US, West Germany, France and the Netherlands for the consumers and Brazil, Colombia, Mexico and the Ivory Coast for the producers. These are the eight main coffee-trading nations.

ICO producers and consumers had entered the negotiations very far apart. The producers proposed an increase of 10 cents a pound in the ICO-defended price range of $1.20-1.40 a pound, which has remained unchanged since 1980, backed by a relatively small global export quota for 1984-5 of 58 million. Rejecting any increase in the range, the consumers counter-proposed a quota of 64 million bags.

As one leading EEC delegate put it, most consumers wanted "a blunt instrument" to knock the price, which during the last eight months of the 1983-4 coffee year had been above $1.40, back into the range and then keep it there. They thought that they had made a mistake a year ago by accepting too small an initial quota (56.2 million bags) and were unhappy that, despite the four one-million bag increases subsequently triggered, the price had risen to a seven-year peak of $1.50 in May.

The failure of some producers to meet their quotas, reduced West African supplies, because of crop problems, and the relatively poor quality of last season's Brazilian harvest all helped to fuel the advance, which was particularly steep for the main European importers. Coffee is a dollar-based commodity and so became disproportionately more expensive to them as the US currency soared.

This explains why most EEC members took a hard line in the London negotiations, with West Germany toughest of all. The producers had expected this. What surprised them was the inflexibility of the US. Producer delegates said that Washington appeared keener to bring down prices to its coffee-drinkers in an election year than win political kudos by helping its indebted Latin American friends.

With the US remaining unshakeable right to the end, despite intense lobbying by Brazil and other producers, the consumers were able to drive a hard bargain. The measures finally agreed for 1984-5 include no change in the ICO-defended price range and an initial quota for the period of 59 million bags, with an extra two million for the current quarter. In addition, supplies during this period will be further boosted by allowing robusta producers, like Indonesia and Uganda, to ship 35 per cent of their quota during October/December instead of the normal 25 per cent.

The consumers insisted on this so-called, front-loading because they feared that supplies under quota would otherwise be very tight and prices remain high. This is because many West African robusta producers are thought unlikely to meet their full allocations

The producers argue that these arrangements may lead to excessive supplies this quarter, especially as there are possibly several million bags of 1983-4 quota coffee already overhanging the market. This is coffee imported but not consumed during the last coffee year. They therefore sought a mechanism that would allow the quota to be cut rapidly if prices began to fall sharply, but were defeated.

The system agreed in London is for one cut of one million bags if the ICO indicator price drops to $1.35 and another at $1.30. The producers had wanted two reductions at this second trigger, which, they argued, would help to keep the price in the upper half of the $1.20-1.40 range.

As it is, they fear that the price may fall into the lower sector during 1984-5, which one leading negotiator thought could be a "tragic year" for producers. This fear reflects the fact that the quota will not be reduced to 58 million bags—probably a reasonable estimate of demand for the coming year—until the price drops to $1.20.

Brazil's chief negotiator, Octavio Rainho, accused some important consumer nations, singling out the US and West Germany, of dictating an instrument that would result in a fall in prices. The problem of high prices during the past year, he said, had as much to do with "speculative forces located within importing nations" as anything else.

Air number plates ban

Aviation officials have upset the ultimate in one-up-manship by banning the transfer of personal registrations on private jets. For an additional fee, the Civil Aviation Authority allows new aircraft to have any combination of four letters following the "G" marking on its tail.

But now the authority has decided not to allow the transfer of registrations from one aircraft to another, which means if an aircraft is sold or even scrapped its cherished registration must go with it and can never be used again.

Britain's General Aviation Manufacturers and Traders Association has asked the CAA to allow registration transfers to help stimulate aircraft sales.

But the CAA refused, claiming tansfers would involve "too much paperwork" as for air safety records the serial numbers of equipment on aircraft would also have to be recorded with the registration number.

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Michael White

What do the parties make of the media circus that follows their conferences? And vice versa? The Guardian's political sketch writer reports

Mixing it with the Meejah

IT IS NEARLY midnight in Blackpool. The illuminations have been turned off for the night and most of the town's chip shops and restaurants are closed. But the bars are still doing good business from the delegates.

What percentage of them have been watching BBC-2's Newsnight to follow John Tusa and Vincent Hannah's boisterous account of the day's proceedings in the Winter Gardens down the road? Not many, by the traffic at the bar. But this may be deceptive. Though the bars will be almost as crowded when the Tories reach Brighton tomorrow, your average Labour delegate's obsession with the distortions of the "meejah" encourages curiosity about the reviews the performance is getting. And besides, as one NEC member puts it as Mr Hannah's camera weaves through the crowd, "they want to see if they're on telly."

Most diligent political correspondents from the newspapers will have watched Neil Kinnock on TV in case he says anything which can flesh out their first-edition reports. They will not be watching Newsnight except for pleasure unless a major interview is promised and will certainly not have listened to Radio 4's admirable World Tonight. Mr Kinnock could resign on that programme and his secret would be safe from Fleet Street until morning. The last editions are going to bed even if their authors are not.

Nowhere is the strange incestuous world of national politics and national media more exposed to view than at the major party conferences. And no one personifies it more than Mr Chris Moncrieff, chief political correspondent of the Press Association, Britain's national domestic news agency which services all the "meejah" except the humblest local outlets.

It is the PA's ubiquitous tele-printers plus Moncrieff's legendary energy which makes him one of the most influential journalists in Britain, known to very few but among those few are every major politician of every party for the past decade. If an MP wants a statement circulated, Moncrieff's his man.

By midnight Moncrieff has already filed his overnight update of the day's main story which will be pumped out when the PA's tapes start running before dawn. BBC radio or "Breakfast Time" may use it to augment their early bulletins. By that time Mr Moncrieff will be up and inside the Today programme's studio monitoring the words of Brian Redhead's political VIPs and, more important, catching them for his own purposes before they return to their rooms.

Redhead himself says that the political classes tend to be among the programme's a five million daily listeners anyway and that "if you want to drop a word in the ear of the nation it is a good place to start." But at the conferences it also acts as "an internal tannoy" for delegates, alerting them to the day's issues and giving the bigwigs a chance to get their message over while the faithful are still in a receptive mood.

By American standards the media coverage of the conference is still modest and restrained. Indeed both networks here pride themselves on not seeking to change the nature of the conferences they cover — though they know that the politicians are gradually accommodating the event to television's needs.

But the media circus grows apace. This week in Brighton the Tories will have accredited 4,500 party "representatives" and 1,500 media personnel. Labour accredited 1,243 media people in 1983 and in Blackpool last week was trying to cut down, particularly on the photographers, 130 purged to 65.

Labour does not love the media and feels that Labour supporters trying to get in on visitors' tickets (2,000 a day) deserve a chance. Then, it has only 1,200 or so voting delegates and they mustn't be swamped. For the Liberals with a similar number and the SDP with rather fewer (750 this year) the problem is the same, but media attention is less — only around 450 accreditations for the SDP in Buxton.

Only about half the media folk present are print journalists. The BBC alone will have 295 tickets this week in Brighton (311 in Blackpool). The Beeb is notoriously sensitive about this and with some justification. "Unlike the Mail-on-Sunday we have to take our printing press with us," says one soul, still bruised from reports that the commentary box at Bournemouth for the Liberals contained a case of Malvern water — not even Perrier, mark you, let alone champagne.

So figures are produced to show that 157 of the BBC's tickets last week went to technical and engineering staff, that there is 24-hour coverage to provide not just for news and current affairs, radio as well as TV, but the regions, the world service and something called Wato. In addition to 100 bulletins a day and live coverage from the Liberals there were four hours and 33 minutes in 21 languages for the World Service — including three minutes for the Hindi service, one minute in Bengali and nine in Urdu — something which will doubtless have the Bengali equivalent of Mr John Selwyn Gummer reaching for his phone.

Newsnight, Channel 4 news, and the Bengali service are useful, even important, from the political parties' point of view but not crucial. What matters to them is hours of direct communication with the voters on TV, the "gavel to gavel" coverage, or "gabble to gabble" as it is known in the trade, of the conference proceedings on BBC-1 or Channel 4.

They love it. No interviewer to dilute the message and the show runs for four or five days, its highlights often dominating the news bulletins. And of course TV flatters the event, making it look far better than it often is.

Discreet camera work makes small audiences look large. Lively camera work cuts away to a crucial reaction shot in the hall, Arthur Scargill laughing, David Steel frowning, Mrs Thatcher deciding not to clap. It can look very exciting and the parties like it — though Labour is perhaps more ambivalent than the others, partly because it mistrusts the media so, and partly because it mistrusts its performers who might lose the party votes.

Whether the viewers share this enthusiasm is problematical. It is what one BBC executive calls "day-time viewing of a rather solid nature." There was a moment during last year's coverage of the TUC when ITV reckoned it had 7,000 viewers. "It would have been cheaper to bring them all here for the day" said one broadcaster. But one million viewers is not uncommon and the Kinnock-Hattersley Labour leadership contest, shown live last year, is reckoned to have held three million, 2 to 1 in the BBC's favour.

There is much talk of public service broadcasting here, giving the voters a chance to see political debate denied them by the exclusion of cameras from Westminster. (Hint, hint.)

But it is also cheap. Channel 4 will pay Granada and TV South about £1/2 million for providing its coverage of six conferences this year (including TUC and CBI). The Beeb will pay up more. But at £3,000 an hour that is still cheap TV. Even sport costs £20,000 and drama £200,000.

Of course far more than five million people will read the Sun alone and other newspapers take the conference even more seriously. Second only to a Cabinet reshuffle the annual Labour conference is the most concentrated dose of politics we get, always the most exciting because — for better and for worse — the conference matters in a way the others do not. This year has been no exception.

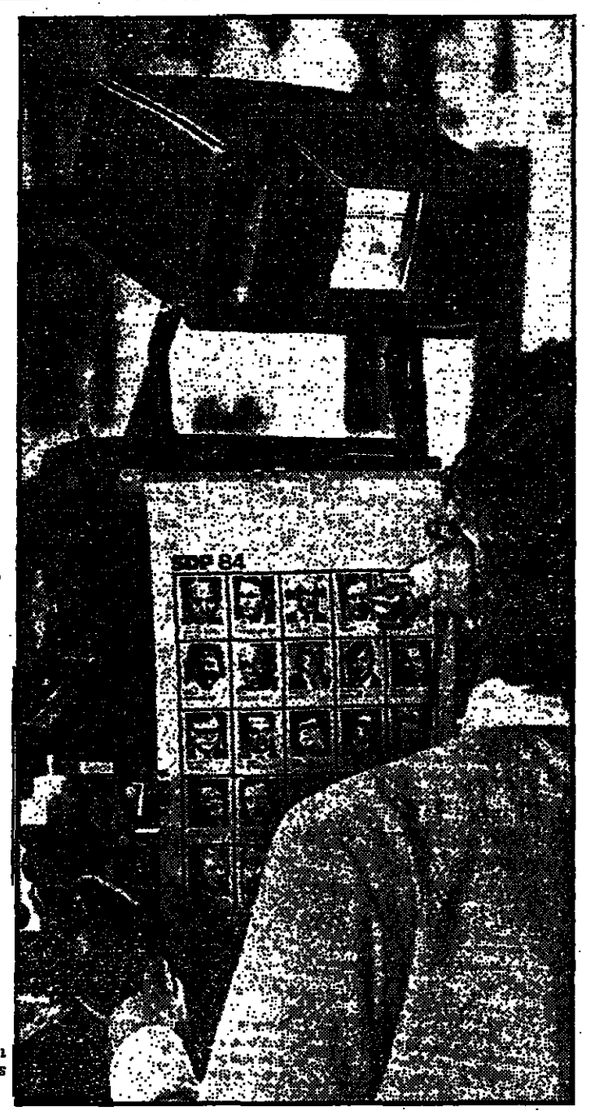
But newspapers flatter the event rather less than TV. Even the Tory press holds the docile Tory conference in some contempt.

In Brighton this week the Tory faithful will shudder as they recall the media circus in hot pursuit of Cecil Parkinson this time last year . . . television interviews keenly monitored, the Sarah Keays statement to the Times, Mr Parkinson slipping out to the Imperial while a bogus press conference was staged to divert the pack. They will chide the press for irresponsibility and fickleness and TV for leftowing bias. And they will urge the party managers to work harder to "get our message across."

And in this they will show the same incomprehension of the media's own imperatives and improvisations as the Labour rank and file, though without the consolation of being able to blame it all on capitalism, a vital alibi for the party's disappointments which it seems reluctant to tamper with.

Last week at a fringe meeting in the Imperial, the Mirror's Robert Maxwell, who both dazzled and appalled them, said that Labour Weekly should be turned into a free sheet and sent to every party member.

Brilliant, so naturally officials spent much of the week explaining why it couldn't be done. Actually Mr Scargill is also said to favour this sort of approach. Scargill and Maxwell in the media circus — it could be a star turn.



Neil Kinnock, peddles a conference stunt in Blackpool (left) while a cameraman watches his crib sheet at Buxton

Just popping up the local

Jeff Winston on the fierce battle for local radio listeners and ads

Kid Jensen — spearheading LBC's new approach

LISTENERS to LBC, London's news and information commercial radio station, would have been surprised if they tuned in for the five o'clock news yesterday afternoon. There was no news. Nor was there any at six o'clock. In fact, between five and seven they would have heard two hours of non-stop pop music — the new independent Local Radio Top Thirty show introduced by the soft mid-Atlantic drawl of David Jensen — ex-Kid, ex-Radio One DJ.

The surprised listener may have thought they had tuned into Capital Radio by mistake. Indeed, they might well have done for they were broadcasting the very same programme. And so were 37 other Independent Local Radio stations around the country.

Now, you may wonder what a station like LBC — enfranchised as it is by the IBA to provide a news and information service — was doing playing pop music. For two hours it is wallpaper to wallpaper music with links kept to an absolute minimum. There is no news and the adverts blend in. One has to listen carefully for Jensen's coded signals — "back in a moment," "coming next" — to realise the hits have stopped and adverts for Skol Lager have begun. It sounds nothing like local radio but then it was not meant to.

Perhaps they have been allowed to take the show because it is news in itself. At least that is what the ILR stations believe because for the first time they have come together to broadcast a nationally networked programme. Until now the companies have fiercely guarded their independence and rejected any networking proposals.

But yesterday and last Sunday the network did come together in a new found spirit of cooperation. The companies want to win an audience — the biggest radio audience of the week. Every Sunday evening at five o'clock ILR's listeners drift away as nearly six million people tune in to Radio One's chart show. Even LBC's news-hungry audience all but disappears.

Analysis of the latest independent radio research (JICRAR July 1984) indicates that many of the listeners to Radio One are normally faithful to ILR. This has always annoyed the companies and quite simply they want their audience back.

But, in this case, winning an audience is only a means to an end. The real importance of the show lies in its potential attractiveness to advertisers.

Local radio has never attracted much national advertising. The industry suffers from what one advertising executive describes as, "low saliency." Coming to terms with over 40 separate stations, each with its own rate card and different set of ratings is something of a nightmare.

The industry tried to tackle the problem three years ago when it organised itself into regions broadly similar to the ITV sales areas. Despite this and despite the efforts of the two-year-old Radio Marketing Bureau national sales have stuck at around 2½ per cent of the available cake. Even though the industry has produced some notable sales success stories there is still a feeling that there is not much "national" about 44 local radio stations.

Networked programmes — especially one that might grab an audience, like the Top Thirty — could help change that.

Colin Walters, managing director of Manchester's Piccadilly Radio and chairman of the industry's programming committee said the response from advertisers has been good. "They like the idea and the programme has increased awareness; even critics of ILR as an advertising medium has given it a cautious welcome."

His optimism is echoed by Dick Seabright who heads Independent Radio Sales, one of the three sales houses who sell the show.

"In sales terms we have got off to a cracking good start," he said. There is a special introductory offer where for £2,000 you can buy a 30 second ad. This will soon be increased to a maximum of £4,000.

They will probably have to wait until the new year "to give the show a chance to build," he explains. If it achieves its expected ten rating then the cost of reaching a thousand 15 to 34 year olds will be around £1.75.

The young audience is important to ILR. As radio listenership has declined overall only Radio One has held its audience while the pirates, with their non-stop music, seems to be winning the youngsters. The Top Thirty Show recognises the trend.

Colin Walters is convinced it will bring the youngsters back. "Our chart makes the BBC's show sound as out of date as Children's Hour," he says, obviously delighted the Beeb has taken the new challenge seriously enough to revamp their own show and bring in a new presenter, Richard Skinner.

Both programmes go out at five o'clock and the clash was deliberately designed to create a ratings war. It is also indicative of the belligerant commercial stance ILR has taken over the last six months.

If the show is successful it should generate well in exess of £5 millions. That will be shared out amongst the companies broadcasting the programme and maybe that is the other reason listeners to LBC at five o'clock on Sunday afternoons can now hear pop music instead of the news.

Michael Simmons on a Soviet scoop

Russian out of print

LENIN had a soft spot for newspapers. They represented, he said, the ideal tool for propaganda, agitation, and organisation. He also had a soft spot for Moldavia, the small republic sandwiched between Ukraine and Romania. It was there that he and fellow conspirators produced the underground newspaper, Iskra, The Spark, at the beginning of the century.

And Moldavia matters today. It is on the Soviet Union's western flank and so has strategic importance. It also contains fierce nationalist elements and is keenly aware of the recalcitrant line taken today by the Romanian government next door. Many of the older generation were born in what was Romania. Loyalty to the Moscow line is clearly essential.

An important means of maintaining and encouraging this loyalty is the republic's newspaper, Sovietskaya, Moldaviya, but, sadly for Moscow, this newspaper is in big trouble. Pravda despatched one B. Yevladov, an investigative reporter, Soviet-style, to find out what was wrong.

Obviously, there is no Disgusted of Tunbridge Wells, but there is Mr Tsurkan of Kishinev "I have been reading the paper for 10 years," he is reported as saying, "but you can't see the people and the problems in the paper behind the technology. My comrades are cancelling their order. . . ."

Circulation today is 110,000 roughly 60,000 down on ten years ago. Pretty pictures, snappy headlines and competitors' gimmicks, apparently, have not kept readers. What's missing, says Yevladov, is the "spiritual" impact, "sharp" journalism, and "depth and candour" in the commentaries.

But what of the editorial coverage? A good interview with an outstanding combine harvester operator, says Yevladov, did wonders for other combine harvest operators, who heeded his advice, but the account of one big farm, "holding virtually no meetings and taking no decisions" showed that journalistic "zeal" was evaporating. The reporter had refused to get involved.

Yevladov's recipe is to "turn the microscope on the life of Party organisations," and say what they are up to at the farm, in the factory, even in the scientific research institutions. Interestingly — at a time of deeply-conservative central rule — he regrets the lack of satirical articles.

What he does not say is that if Sovietskaya Moldaviya fails and turns into yet another closure, then one of the most politically and strategically "sensitive" republics in the entire country will be without the guidance of a daily paper exclusively devoted to the ruling Party line.

Obviously there are other ways of getting through even to Moldavian hearts and minds, and investigative reporter Yevladov will doubtless be well pleased that someone in the Party headquarters is burning the midnight oil looking for just such a way.

Geoffrey Dawson, left, and Robin Barrington Ward — appeasement policy still very real

Richard Gott reviews the latest History of the Times

War in the Times of peace

FEW episodes in its history have done more damage to the reputation of the Times than its outspoken support for the appeasement policy of Neville Chamberlain in the 1930s, extended by its editor, Geoffrey Dawson, and his deputy, Robin Barrington Ward.

It caused grave dissension in Printing House Square at the time, and has rankled ever since. So much so that the latest volume of The History of the Times, published today, returns to the subject, even though the period had already been well covered in an earlier tome.

The author, Iverach McDonald — himself a distinguished former Times man who joined the paper in 1935 — claims that this is merely "a necessary look back, in the light of new evidence," but it is clear that for him, as for many of his generation, "the memory of the appeasement policy."

The European policy of the paper, McDonald writes, devised by Dawson and Barrington Ward, "encouraged the dangers to mount far too dangerously for far too long." And he recalls with obvious sympathy the savage letter of resignation of the lobby correspondent, Anthony Winn (whose copy on Duff Cooper's resignation at the time of Munich had been altered by Dawson), who wrote in explanation that "my distaste for what I frankly regard as a silly and dangerous policy has been hardening for many weeks."

The traditional indictment against the Times in the 1930s is that its editorials — notably over Czechoslovakia and Poland encouraged Hitler in his ambitions. In addition, by his pro-German attitudes and his suppression of news from Germany, Dawson allowed British public opinion to be lulled into a sense of false security. The first indictment is, if anything, strenghtened by the new evidence.

For, in spite of protestations to the contrary, the Times was all too often the voice of the appeasement advocates in Government and the Foreign Office — and McDonald traces the actual links.

The famous September 7, 1938, editorial which recommended the secession of the Sudetenland — and described here as marking "the lowest point in the paper's pre-war policy" was written by Leo Kennedy, the chief foreign leaderwriter, "guided both by the tenor of talks within the office and by the memory of two confidential remarks by the Ministers most directly involved" (Chamberlain and Halifax).

At the time of the other famous episode, on April 1, 1939, when a Times leader took the stuffing out of Chamberlain's apparently unequivocal pledge to Poland, the culprit again was Leo Kennedy. This time he'd got the line from Alec Cadogan, the permanent under-secretary at the Foreign Office and an influential supporter of appeasement. "I had seen Cadogan the day before," Kennedy recorded, "and wrote the leader entirely on the lines of our talk and of what he told me."

"Every Editor," noted the previous volume of the Times history, "has the duty to see Ministers and runs the risk of becoming intimate with them. Dawson was apt to ignore these risks."

From the second indictment, originally based on two oft-quoted letters of Dawson in 1937, the editor of the Times escapes rather more lightly. He had written of how he could not understand why the Germans should feel so antagonistic to the Times.

"I do my utmost, night after night," he wrote to the paper's temporary Berlin correspondent, "to keep out of the paper anything that might hurt their susceptibilities." And to Lord Lothian he wrote of how "I spend my nights dropping in little things which are intended to so the them."

All this McDonald (albeit reluctantly) concludes was hyperbole. The chief Berlin correspondent, Norman Ebbutt "complained of excisions from time to time, but the cuts were usually made in his despatches not by the editor but by sub-editors and they were not made on any grounds of policy but because this courageous correspondent wrote often at too great length, at times obscurely, and occasionally very late."

Dawson, then, may not have been a censor, but he was still a disastrous observer of European affairs. He paid far more heed to the views of ministers than to the reports of his own correspondents.

Iverach McDonald, The History of the Times. Vol V Struggles in War and Peace, 1939-66 Published by Times Books price £20

Richard Gott is the author (with Martin Gilbert) of The Appeasers, published by Weidenfeld, 1963.

Media File.....

NOW WHO HAVE we here? "For someone like me to say that they loathe the press would be an outright lie. Of course I love and adore Fleet Street, and I'm always very obliging at public functions or even when caught unaware in rare moments of privacy"

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The by-line says "words by George O'Dowd", but the face in the exquisite colour picture is unmistakably that of Boy George, even for non-fans and oldies. Which is why the new October issue of Blitz, the perky young-market monthly run by media-brats Carey Labovitch and Simon Tesler, also puts its guest media-columnist on the cover.

Boy seems too cool to have anything so passionate as a love-hate relationship with Fleet Street, but he has jumped at the chance to slap the hacks' wrists. "Social rape" is what he terms the media-circus surrounding Elizabeth Taylor at Richard Burton's funeral, and speculates about the likely reaction of the editor of the Sun if Marilyn and Boy George decided to set up a quick photo session at the funeral of one of his relatives

The Sun, unsuprisingly, takes the main flak, in the wake of the front-page "Boy George hit me says girl, 16" yarn, run in spite of her own mother's quoted doubts, and presenting the pop-person "as a first-child-basher for all the world to see". Such allegations need more careful thought, says he: "But like a million other people I was left with no explanation and no apology. And I get the feeling both are hard to come by"

OCTOBER, in fact, seems set to be the month when the victims strike back. Here's another: "You see, I *know* when I've done good work and when I haven't. And when a critic gives me a bad review for good work, then I know he doesn't know what he's talking about. You must remember that there are very good actors and very bad actors. And those same standards must apply to critics or journalists or architects or prison warders. So there is no point in wading through a load of cobblers by a man whose talent you don't respect."

That's Michael Caine, in the new issue of Stills. The new edition of the film and television magazine marks its move to monthly publication, the increased frequency following its acquisition by Screen International.

Its re-styling makes it seem a touch more pop, which would not necessarily be a gain, and at £1.50 for 64 pages it is not in the bargain basement, but its range is wide and still decently serious — this issue ranges from Hollywood to the USSR, the miners' strike coverage to the late Turkish dissident Yilmaz Guney — it has earned support through its first dozen issues.

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THE MEDIA multiply — but the people are going to spend more of their time actually doing things, rather than having their leisure-time filled by pre-digested packages, passively received That is the paradoxical implication of the latest report from the Henley Centre for Forecasting

Observing that terms of employment negotiations are increasingly focusing on hours and holiday conditions, it says that although a substantial proportion of people still spend much time "slumped in front of the TV," or something similar, an increasing proportion of time is spent more constructively And its time-use survey predicts faster growth in such areas as D-I-Y, sport, further education, and going to museums, theatres, and concerts.

Terms of employment, of course, imply employment. The centre's report also notes the gap in affluence between employed and unemployed is one of the growing "two nations" pressures. And it is jacked up a further notch by the fact that the new-wave household durables giving more leisure time to the affluent — micro-wave ovens, dish washers, food processors — are also those which replace employment of others in service areas.

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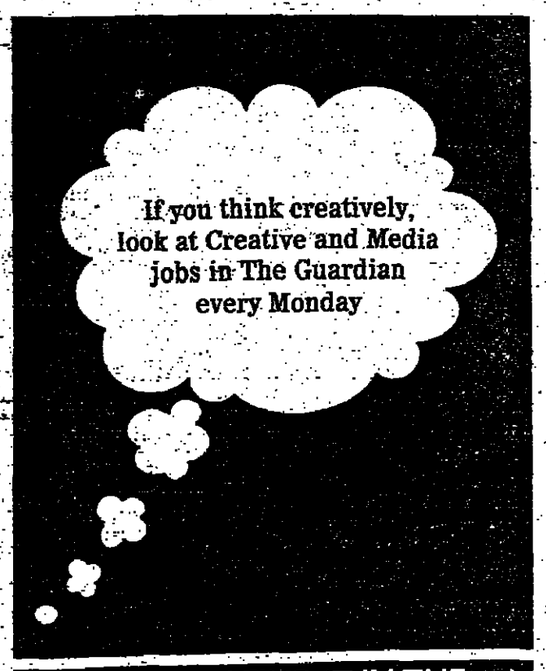

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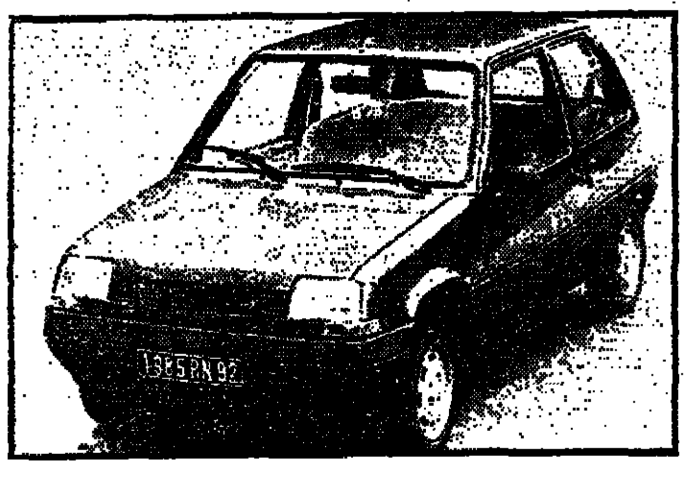

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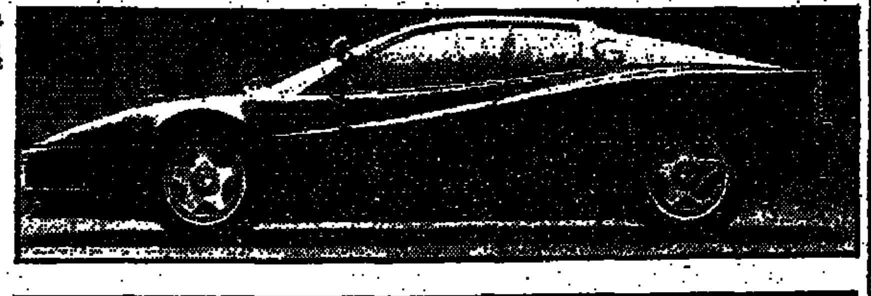

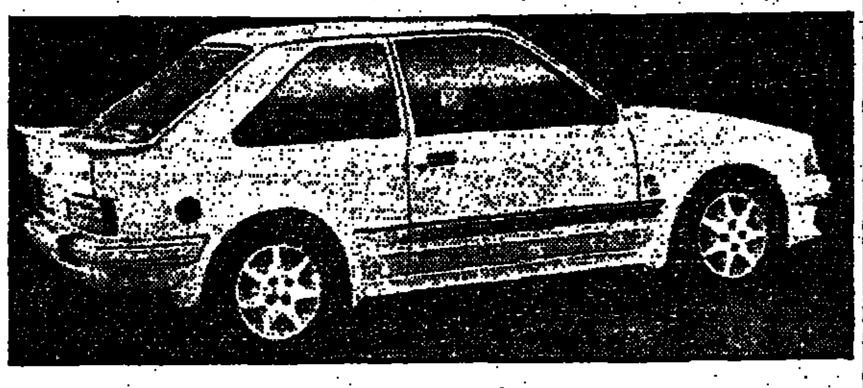

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French motor industry looks for a helping hand

Optimists on show

From Roy Harry in Paris

THIS YEAR, as everybody knows, is the centennial of the motor car. Well, at least as far as the French are concerned.

As a forerunner to the biennial motor show opened by M. Mitterrand last week, the French this summer held a three-month celebration at the spectacular Grand Palais marking one hundred years of the French automobile. The typically Gallic claim is for the efforts of one Edouard Delamare-Deboutteville who with the assistance of his chief mechanic, Leon Malandin, successfully completed and drove a four-wheeled vehicle on a road near Rouen: the prototype no longer exists, but the drawings have fortunately been preserved and a reconstruction was made to take pride of place at the exhibition.

The official French view is that Messrs Benz and Daimler made a valuable contribution to the series manufacture of vehicles powered by petrol engines.

In fact, the French motor industry could do with something of a helping hand itself again at the moment: it might almost have been wiser to have waited a year or so to see if things might improve. From a high spot in 1979, production and registrations have dwindled and hovered, but there is a depressing trend. And, surprisingly for the fiercely nationalistic French there is the fact that imported cars, which took scarcely one fifth of the market five years ago, now hold a menacing third.

While most of the other major national automobile industries are showing signs of an upturn, the picture is unremittingly gloomy here.

There are accumulating debts and, most significant of all, a pressing need for more capital investment that neither of the two principal companies, the Peugeot group nor Renault can afford.

You have to be an optimist to survive in the motor business and the French are no exception. The Paris Show is a major one challenged only in its nationalism by that due to be held in Turin next month and forming a total benefit for the Italian car makers. This current display has to go in the book as totally Renault dominated — as you might expect.

If there has to be a star of the show then, in terms of public interest, it has to be the "new" Renault 5 or, as the regie would have it, the "Superfive." But it is not the only Renault innovation. The R25, on which so much of the company's hopes are based, moves even higher upmarket with the expected turbo-charged version: 182 bhp (which is a lot for front wheel drive to cope with) and a maximum speed of 140 miles per hour. It will have, fortunately, anti-skid braking as standard. Also new is a stretched limousine version of the car due to go on sale before the end of the year and very much a special order option for status minded companies.

The Trafic gets four wheel drive and there are also new turbo-charged diesel engines for the imaginative Espace "people carrier," a versatile vehicle of a growing trend — Prairie, Space Cruiser et al — which we have yet to see in Britain; it should be a popular choice.

SEEN in the carpark at the show on a Peugeot 205: The Hatchback of Notre Dame.

Of course, the main interest lies in the new Five which neatly illustrates the dilemma faced by so many manufacturers today: how do you replace a winning act?

Renault rejected as a risky option the course of producing a car completely different in concept, in its relationship with the rest of the range and with its philosophy. The thought of restyling both the exterior and interior appearance but without any major mechanical changes was also discarded.

Instead, the vote went for retaining the familiar silhouette but, I am assured, with every component redesigned. Basically, it means that Renault have done a Golf and played safe rather than take the bolder line of Opel / Vauxhall with the Kadett/Astra replacement which we shall be seeing in our UK showrooms next week. The view at the show is that the car will do wonders for the already booming Peugeot 205C.

The main aim of the new car was to provide greater interior space and the key was in transversely fitting the engine instead of the previous "North-South" arrangement. The overall dimensions mean a couple of inches more in length and width so that there is more passenger space — though perhaps not as much as you might have expected.

Complete all round body protection is a notable feature aimed, it is said, against "urban aggression". The side panels form a complete belt around the car and like the bumpers they will resume shape after a minor impact. Fuel consumption of all models has improved and another gallon tank capacity will be welcomed by many R5 owners. Significant changes have also been made to service intervals with an oil change and adjustment check every 6,000 miles and a full service at 30,000: on paper that should result in less time off the road.

The new Five is already on sale in France with an output of 975 daily at the Flins factory and there is a planned rapid build-up to more than double that figure by January. The UK launch date is set for the new year with seven versions likely, ranging from 956cc TC to a turbo 1397cc.

Turbocharging abounds at the show. Citroen have their new flagship about which I wrote last week and Ford chose Paris to launch the Escort RS turbo — modestly described as the most powerful version of the world's best-selling car. The claim is for 125 mph and 0-60 acceleration in 8.2 seconds. It is Ford's first volume produced turbocharged passenger car to be made in Europe and the first front wheel drive car in the world to get a limited slip differential as standard. But volume is relative — 5,000 units are planned, sufficient to gain motor sport homologation and the car will be available from specialised dealers only.

Fast though the Escort is, nothing at the show — except perhaps another Ferrari — can compete with the Ferrari Testarossa (the name means redhead and refers to cam covers painted in Italian racing red instead of the usual black). The trouble is that I do not know of any roads where it is safe to travel at more than three miles per minute. In any case, supplies for Britain, I am consoled, will be strictly limited.

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Martyn Williams—Cardiff 37, Newport 3

Ring runs round artless Newport

RUGBY UNION

The old internationals in the press box — men like Ken Jones, Gerald Davies and Brian Price, knew exactly what was required from each individual in the Cardiff-Newport match on Saturday, but the message was lost on the current Newport players, with too few exceptions as they crashed 37-3.

The Newport coach, Charlie Faulkner, justifiably optimistic after Newport's rout of the Barbarians, was unable to put a finger on it, but the tendency to settle old scores and start a few new ones clearly erased the concentrated, adhesive and competitive requirements for a game as traditionally important as this. The loss of the injured Powell, left them guileless.

Two private incidents between Jeff Whitefoot and Ritchie Collins, Mike Watkins, the Welsh captain and the man he shadowed in both Cardiff and Welsh jerseys, Alan Phillips, were nasty, but went unnoticed.

Cardiff dominated the set-piece, though the scrums more often than not ended up in collapsed awkward messes. The line-outs, however, were clinically won with regularity by Robert Norster, ably supported by John Scott at the tail. Yet it took Cardiff a long time to become as efficient behind. Newport, again showed the strange lack of commitment seen against Llanelli the previous week, had long shown the white flag before Cardiff translated possession into points.

Mike Lewis had kicked a penalty for Newport, but the reliable boot of Gareth Davies with two penalties, a dropped goal and a conversion of Mark Ring's first try had given Cardiff a margin wide enough to encourage innovation.

This is precisely what happened, though later than anticipated. By attracting the attention of the Newport back row, Davies was able to launch his threequarters from deep positions.

Three of Cardiff's tries, scored by Ring, Mike Carrington and Chris Webber were of exceptional quality. Each one of them launched by positive counter attacks from their own 22-metre line. All three were converted by Davies.

It was an excellent last quarter for Cardiff, the victory made even more emphatic when Ring crossed the line for his third try.

Cardiff.—C. Webber; M. Carrington, A. Donovan (sub K. Hopkins), M. Ring, G. Cordle; G. Davies, T. Holmes (capt); J. Whitefoot, A. Phillips, I. Eidman, K. Edwards, R. Norster, O. Golding, J. Strutt, G. Roberts.

Newport.—P. Steele; M. Batten, C. Williams; P. Daniels; C. Wood; M. Lewis; G. Williams; J. Rawlins, M. Watkins (capt); R. Morgan, J. Widdecombe, D. Waters, R. Powell (sub M. Rogers), W. Rendall, R. Collins.

Referee: L. M. Prideaux (ERU).

O'Neill injured again

Chris Hawkins

Jonjo O'Neill (above) hopes to be back in action at Ayr at the weekend after dislocating a hip when Afzal fell in the Free Handicap Hurdle at Chepstow on Saturday.

"The fall dislocated the hip but then I got a kick from one of the pursuing horses which knocked the joint back again. It's still very sore and it could be a week or so before I am fit but at the moment I'm aiming for Ayr," said O'Neill.

Ironically he was returning to the saddle for the first time at Chepstow since injuring a leg at Carlisle five days earlier.

It was a miserable day for O'Neill for he was Britain's leading hope to fend off the French challenge in the first leg of the international between the two countries in the Mail on Sunday Handicap Hurdule, but his mount Vodkatini, the 3-1 favourite, finished lame and out of the points.

The race went to Playschool ridden by Denis Bailliez and the French take a 14pts to 12 lead to Auteuil for the second leg of the contest on November 18.

Don Giovanni became trainer Fred Winter's fifth winner from five runners when taking the opening Greyfriars Novices Chase, but the stable's 100 per cent record went west when Everseal and Market Man were defeated later

The trainer was not present and is currently recuperating at home from an operation on an ol dshoulder injury.

At Walverhampton this afternoon Minstrel's Gallery (2.0) showed enough when second to Mrs Danvers on her debut recently to be fancied for the first division of the Dudley Maiden Stakes, while at Bath, Afrah (4.0) looks good in the Blathwayt Fillies Stakes on her head second to Sunera at Goodwood last month.

David Frost

Rosslyn Park 16, Orrell 32

Langford impresses

The heavyweight Orrell side made a typically effective raid on the South of England on Saturday, using their rumbling forwards to set up five tries and the eventual defeat of Rosslyn Park by 32-16.

In spite of the onesidedness of the final score, it was a thoroughly interesting match because each side sought to make intelligent use of their particular assets. Park, outweighted forward, had to rely on their wits, and Montgomery, Brooks, and Jermyn were always on the look out for stray chances to attack.

With the strong wind behind them in the first half, Park did just that, and their reward was an interval lead of 12-3 from tries by Kingston and Montgomery, both converted by Graves, to a dropped goal by Glynn.

Orrell were ideally equipped to take advantage of a strengthening wind in the second half. Their burly forwards would win the ball, Glynn would screw-kick it high into the air, and either their backs would be released from the resulting loose possession or their forwards would drive for the line.

Langford, Fletcher, Kimmins, Carleton, and Glynn scored tries as Park were put under almost constant pressure, Langford made two conversions and kicked a penalty goal, and Ainscough added another conversion.

It does seem rather a nonsense that Orrell have not qualified for this season's John Player Cup. On Saturday, even though they had to play Balmer, normally a loose forward, at lock, they looked a thoroughly well balanced team. It was particularly good to see Langford in something like his best form. As a centre, he has the size, the surge, and the determination to break a tight defence, Orrell also owed much to Kimmins for the possession he won from the line-outs.

It was encouraging for Park that their young forwards never gave up the unequal struggle, and they richly deserered the late try scored by Montgomery, who had an outstanding game.

Rosslyn Park: J. Graves; D. Osborne, R. Taylor, N. Anderson (captain), S. Howland; M. Jermyn, G. Henderson, M. Rennie, F. Timmons, J. Kingston, N. Edwards, S. Hen-R. Montgomery, A. Brooks, P. Taylor.

Orrell: P. Williams; J. Carleton, S. Langford, G. Ainscough, I. Wilkinson; G. Glynn, G. Williams; D. Southern (captain), N. Hitchen, K. Fletcher, R. Kimmins, D. Balmer, P. Moss, B. Piatt, C. Ashurst.

Referee: R. Quittenton (London Society).

Round-Up

Barrie Fairall

Call for Colclough

BEST NEWS of the weekend for supporters of English rugby came at the end of Saturday evening's Rugby Special. Maurice Colclough, Nigel Starmer-Smith informed us, is back and looking fit.

The inference behind those few words may well be far-reaching. The big lock scored a try for Wasps in their 32-17 Merit Table win at Blackheath. This morning comes the announcement of the London team he will lead out to face the Australians at Twickenham on October 17.

The next step will surely be to persuade Colclough to play for England again, perhaps by offering him the captaincy. Clearly the man is needed more than ever now that Steve Bainbridge's ill-timed punch has ruled him out for the season and that John Scott, for all his endeavours, has shown himself to be far from happy locking the English scrum.

Colclough has cleared the decks. He has wound up French business interests, is currently searching for work in England, and will be seen regularly in a Wasps jersey from the end of the month.

Another man who should perhaps be encouraged to play for England again gave a sterling performance at full back at Coundon Road. Dusty Hare potted four conversions and two penalties, one from the half-way line, to help Leicester demolish Coventry 38-6.

The match also marked the return of Peter Wheeler, a hooker England may have to turn to again judging by the way things are going. Steve Brain, first choice for the previous weekend's Twickenham celebrations which he missed because of injury, pulled out of the Coventry side and a confrontation with Wheeler at the last moment with an injured collar bone. More seriously, he is carrying a ruptured knee ligament which threatens to jeopardise his international career.

It seems that one man England may not have to deal with in Dublin on January 19 is Ollie Campbell. The prolific Irish stand-off said on Saturday that, for personal reasons, he would not be playing until the New Year. That being the case, England will have nothing to worry about, other than Tony Ward.

John Rodda—Harlequins 10, Swansea 15

Rose loses his bloom

A couple of hours with Keith Connor, the triple jumper, and Susan Telfer, the long jumper, might bring Marcus Rose and Harlequins a lot more points this season, if the evidence of the match against Swansea at Twickenham, on Saturday is anything to go by.

In the first 26 minutes of the game at Twickenham, Rose missed five penalty kicks all of them by a narrow margin. He roughly measures his run-up, but then teeters and scuttles through the first few yards. When he kicks, often his free foot is not far enough forward, and his head and body are not over the ball.

Connor and Mrs Telfer (or perhaps their coaches) could show Rose the value of an approach run in which momentum is gathered without hesitancy, building to an explosive yet controlled impact.

Fifteen points for Quins in the first half-hour might have spiked Swansea's approach. Instead, the outcome of this turgid, messy affair — resembling at times 'A' team stuff — remained in doubt until the final quarter.

Swansea's forwards often seemed on the point of pulling together the strings — Richard Moriarty, in spite of some lapses, was the most powerful forward on the field — but their back play lacked the zip and coordination one would expect, and even some half-hearted Quins tackling was sufficient to keep the game locked between the 22s for a long time.

In the final minutes, having trailed 6-15 at one point, Harlequins saw a flickering chance of victory. From three tapped penalties, they tried to ramrod their way through the gates of Swansea's citadel. But Welsh muscle and reputation held.

Wall scored a try for Harlequins, and Rose eventually succeeded with two penalty goals, Blythe kicked three for Swansea and converted, off a post, a try by Emyr.

Harlequins: M. Rose; C. Preston, J. Salmon, A. Thompson, J. Butcher, R. Cramb, H. McHardy, P. Curtis, J. Oliver, T. Claxton, R. Montgomery, A. Brooks, P. Taylr, C. Butcher, D. Cooke (capt).

Swansea: R. Blyth; T. Swift, G. Jenkins, D. Setaro, A. Emyr; A. Williams, C. Huichins; K. Colclough, H. Gilson, J. Grice, T. Cheeseman, J. Williams, R. Moriarty, J. Thomas, M. Davies (capt). Replacement: P. Moriarty for Cheeseman.

Referee: R. P. Russell (London).

RACING

Richard Baerlein

Sagace ends fillies' dominance in Arc

The French had luck on their side when they swept their way to a whitewash of British interests in the 63rd Arc de Triomphe, now sponsored by Trust House Forte, at Longchamp yesterday.

Home breds took the first four places through Sagace, who ended a five year dominance by fillies Northern Trick, All Along and Esprit du Nord. Apart from the French horses being fully experienced on heavy ground, on Friday the long time hot favourite Teenoso, also a soft ground specialist, had to be withdrawn when heat was found in his off-fore leg as he was about to board the plane.

Lester Piggott, his rider, with three Arcs already under his belt, switched to Rainbow Quest, third in the French Derby but on Saturday at Newmarket, following a fall from Kanz, in which he was mildly concussed, Piggott was ordered a two day rest by the Jockey Club medical officer, Dr Michael Allen.

Piggott, who seemed back to normal when leaving the dressing room, protested, but the doctor's decision was final and there was no one to whom he could appeal.

In any case, Rainbow Quest, for whom the ground was as Jeremy Tree feared, too heavy, finished with only four behind him with Tony Murray on board.

Yves Ct-Martin expressed a wish to ride Sagace for Daniel Wildenstein when I was in France a month ago for no horse acts better in testing ground. The four-year-old entered the English betting lists at 33-1, and even on Saturday morning with Teenoso out he stood at 10-1, while Northern Trick was still at 8-1.

Sagace went off at just under 3-1 coupled with All Along. Northern Trick, coupled with Sadler's Wells went off the short price favourite and Rainbow Quest, who had been at 9-2 on Saturday, went off at 16-1.

I failed to get excited over the draw for this race believing luck and judgment in running is the decisive factor. The first four were drawn respectively 17, 20, 5 and 22 in a field of 22, which makes nonsense of the idea that high numbers are a serious handicap.

After two furlongs Northern Trick had only four behind her but St-Martin had already moved Sagace into sixth place. When they came round the bend, the Australian four-year-old Strawberry Road, moved into the lead going tremendously well but then failed to stay.

St-Martin then brought Sagace up towards the centre of the course with his stable-companion and last year's winner, All Along, on the far rails.

Sagace went smoothly into the lead and although Northern Trick put in a most determined challenge she was never going to reach him and was beaten two lengths. She had run a marvellous race but the older horse was too strong for her. All Along was six lengths back in third followed by Esprit du Nord and Strawberry Road.

It was a fourth Arc for the 15 times French champion Yves St-Martin, riding in his 20th Arc and he now joins Freddie Head with four winners. Daniel Wildenstein who had first and third, joins Robert Sangster with three winners and Patrick Biancone, has trained the winner two years running.

All Along ran a marvellous race for one who does not like heavy ground and this was only her second outing of the season. The going had improved from 4.9 overnight to 4.3.

Sun Princess showed up momentarily half a mile out, while Time Charter finished 11th.

Sadler's Wells did not stay and could not handle the ground. In view of the very severe conditions it was still a fine Arc and punters had sized up the situation with a remarkable degree of accuracy.

The French sprint championship, the Prix de l'Abbaye, has always been an Anglo-Irish benefit. Once again horses from England and Ireland took the first three places. Robert Sangster's Committed, the favourite, had only made one error since becoming the sprint champion when she was squeezed out in the Vernons sprint.

She did nothing wrong here, making practically all the running and winning by two and a half lengths from last year's champion sprinter Habibti with the Irish-trained Anitas Prince third.

I was glad to see Habibti, in her last race before going to stud to be covered by Shirley Heights, running so well and fully justifying John Dunlop's decision to send her over. Committed will stay in training next season.

TRUSTHOUSE FORTE PRIX DE L'ARC DE TRIOMPHE (1½m).—1, SAGACE, Y. Saint-Martin; 2, Northern Trick, C. Asmussen; 3, All Along, W. R. Swinburn. Also: Esprit du Nord (4), Strawberry Road (5), Cariellor (6), Long Mick (7), Sadler's Wells (8), Sun Princess (9), Lovely Dancer (10), Time Charter (11), Margello (12), Garde Royale (13), Princess Pati (14), Estrapade (15), Arctic Lord (16), Abary (17), Rainbow Quest (18), Balkan Prince (19), Fly Me (20), Castle Guard (21), Donzel (22). 22 ran. 2l, 6, ½ nk, sht nk. (P. L. Biancone, France). Pari-Mutuel: 3.90 (coupled with All Along and Castle Guard). Places 2.00, 1.70, 3.90. Dual F: 11.10. (Returns to 1 franc stake). 2m 39.1s.

Norton lands his biggest prize

Steve Norton, the man who put the mining town of Barnsley on the training map, accomplished a remarkable feat at Newmarket on Saturday when saddling the first two Leysh (33-1), a neck in front of Morwray Boy (11-1), in the 35 runner William Hill Cambridgeshire.

While this was Norton's most important success over here, two years ago he won the top French fillies race the Prix Marcel Boussac with Goodbye Shelley.

Leysh was not among the 56 inmates of his stable at the start of the season but came to him in June after a disagreement between the owner, Prince Yasid Saud, and his former trainer, Geoff Huffer.

After two outings for his new trainer he went on to win three races in succession. As a result Leysh rose rapidly in the handicap and although Prince Saud, proud and confident as he was entitled to be after such a success, gave us the impression he had expected to win.

When Morwray Boy began to leave his field more than two furlongs from home, even I, fully inured to the narrow defeats of Alakh, Khozaam, Teleprompter and several others, began to feel there was no danger. Suddenly, along came John Lowe on Leysh and, like a ferret chasing a rabbit, he slowly but surely put an end to my hopes by a neck.

I was only correct in thinking that the low numbers would dominate the race. Leysh was drawn seven, Morwray Boy 12 and Miss Balibeach six. The high numbers, which included the favourite, Lucky North, were at a serious disadvantage, with Gouverno (25-1) doing best in fourth.

Leysh was the fifth Yorkshire trained winner out of the 24 Newmarket races this week.

Fifteen minutes before Leysh's success his full-brother, Kellsapaul, by Ahonoora out of Lucasta, gave Geoff Lewis the first leg of a 194-1 double at Lingfield completed by Tender Trader.

American rider, Darrel McHargue, having completed only a year as stable jockey to Luca Cumani before deciding to pack up his English stint, went out in the best possible style, gaining two outstanding victories.

He won the Jockey Club Cup by four lengths on Old Country from Carlingford Castle and he won the Sun Chariot Stakes by six lengths on Free Guest. He ends with 35 winners.

McHargue's departure leaves the highly successful Cumani in a worse position than before because McHargue has exposed the fact that any stable retainer suffers the risk of Piggott, as a freelance, taking over the rides.

BATH CARD

2 00 House Hunter
2 30 Tour D'Or
3 00 Lady Liza
3 30 Dark Proposa
4 00 Afrah (nb)
4 30 Tamertown Lad

DRAW ADVANTAGE : LOW.
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING : Good.

2 0—ALDIE APPRENTICE STAKES : 1m 2f 50yds; £1,928 (6 runners).

6 (4) 04/434- VELESO (T. Forde) J. S. King 6-9-0 ... I. Shoemark
10 (1) 1/10-00 BLOW MY TOP (C) (R. Broomhall) R. Holder 5-8-11 ... A. Dicks
14 (5) 304441 HOUSE HUNTER (D. Humphreys) C. Horgan 3-8-5 ... T. Godden
18 (2) COLLY CONE (Mrs M. Morgan) G. Price 4-8-1 ... ——
19 (6) 0020-40 CRISP AND KEEN (B. Moseley) K. White 6-8-1 ... M. Lynch
25 (3) TARGOW GIRL (T. Lyons III) S. Matthews 3-7-11 ... G. Yeo (3)

1983 : Bahoor 3-8-12 G. Landau 4-6 fav G. Harwood 13 ran.
Betting forecast : 1-2 House Hunter, 3 Blow My Top 8 Veleso, 12 Crisp Ken.
TOP FORM TIPS : House Hunter 8 Blow My Top 7.

2 30—DONNINGTON STAKES : 2-Y-0 : 1m ; £2,083 (11 runners).

1 (7) 01 ASTICOT (A. Simmonds) J. Hindley 9-4 ... M. Hills
2 (9) 041 SHEER CLIFF (Sheikh Mohammed) I. Balding 9-4 ... J. Matthias
3 (11) 01 TIMBER TOOL (H. Marsh) C. Nelson 9-4 ... doubtful
4 (13) 11 TOUR D'OR (K. Abdulla) G. Harwood 9-4 ... G. Starkey
15 (4) 30 EVERY EFFORT (M. Klein) C. Nelson 8-11 ... J. Mercer
23 (2) 0 SIR CRUSTY (M. Ash) R. Holder 8-11 ... doubtful
24 (5) 0 SOLDIER OF FORTUNE (J. Pearce) W. Hastings-Bass 8-11 R. Lines (5)
26 (8) 000 TAGORE (T. Lyons II) S. Matthews 8-11 ... B. Jago
30 (10) BRAVE JULIET (Mrs O. Thurston) B. Hills 8-8 ... S. Cauthen
32 (12) 000 GAY PRINCESS (J. Wakefield) C. Williams 8-8 ... P. Waldron
33 (1) KAWEAH MAID (L. McCreery) D. Murray-Smith 8-8 ... M. Wigham
35 (6) 20 MANDOLIN (Lady Clague) Thomson Jones 8-8 ... A. Murray
37 (3) 40 VITELLE (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J. Dunlop 8-8 ... W. Carson

1983 : Div 1: Adijamanu 8-11 J. Reid 10-1 R. Houghton 10 ran. Div 2: Gambler's Cup 9-4 G. Starkey 4-7 fav G. Harwood. 10 ran.
Betting forecast : 4-6 Tour d'Or, 5-2 Sheer Cliff, 8 Vitelle, Asticot, 10 Mandolin.
TOP FORM TIPS : Tour d'Or 8, Sheer Cliff 7, Asticot 6.

3 0—MORRIS DANCER HANDICAP: 3-Y-0: 1m; £3,341 (14 runners).

1 (7) 10-0033 ALGHUZAYLAH (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) Thomson Jones 9-7 A. Murray
3 (14) 100 RAPID ACTION (Fyvie Transport) R. Holder 8-12 ... A. Dicks (7)
6 (8) 020003 KAYUS (K. Al-Said) J. Hindley 8-7 ... M. Hills
7 (5) 122121 FIRST PLEASURE (J. Rose) W. Hastings-Bass 8-6 R. Lines (5)
8 (13) 200000 CATMAN ★ (Miss I. Ritchie) M. Francis 8-3 ... Paul Eddery
9 (10) 433120 TAYGETUS (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 8-3 ... S. Cauthen
10 (4) 0-0310 FLYHOME (C. Southgate) P. Cundell 8-3 ... W. Carson
12 (2) 202001 SIMPLE MELODY (M. Pipe) M. Pipe 8-0 ... B. Rouse
13 (6) 003200 WIND FROM THE WEST (D. Tylden-Wright) N. Vigors 7-13 ... S. Dawson (5)
15 (11) 041304 GUNNER GIRL (J. Nevitle) R. Holder 7-8 ... R. Fox
16 (3) 313333 LADY LIZA (Mrs M. Stevens) B. Stevens 7-7 ... T. Williams (3)
18 (1) 0000 MARK KELLY (N. Thomas) R. Simpson 7-7 ... K. Radcliffe (7)
19 (9) 313000 STOCK HILL LAD ★ (Mrs M. Fairbairn) M. Blanshard 7-7 ... G. Dickie (5)
21 (12) 0-000 UNDEREAVES ★ (Mrs J. Yarnold) C. Nelson 7-7 ... R. Street

1983: Kellathi 9-5 G. Starkey 11-4 fav F. Durr 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 4 First Pleasure, 9-2 Taygetus, 5 Flyhome, 6 Kayus, 7 Simple Melody, 10 Alghuzaylah, 12 Wind from the West, Catman.
TOP FORM TIPS: First Pleasure 8, Taygetus 7, Kayus 6.

RICHARD BAERLEIN'S SELECTIONS
Nap : SNOW TREE (3.0 Wolverhampton)
Next best : LUSTROUS (4.15 Edinburgh)

3 30—WESTMORLAND HANDICAP : 2m 1f ; £2,554 (17 runners).

1 (8) 032000 DARK PROPOSAL (Mrs J. Phillips) B. Hanbury 6-9-10 ... B. Rouse
2 (5) 3212 MUQADAR (Marshall Racing) G. Harwood 3-9-7 ... G. Starkey
4 (13) 431030 CORAL HEIGHTS (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 3-9-3 ... T. Ives
5 (4) 4-10443 WONDER WOOD (Mrs D. Robinson) R. Holder 5-9-1 .. S. Dawson (5)
6 (1) 401140 RIBOBURG (Mrs M. Newton) J. Dunlop 3-9-0 ... W. Carson
10 (12) 003-10 CAPTAIN TWINKLE (Miss S. Groves) J. Toller 4-8-12 ... S. Cauthen
12 (15) 403000 PONTIN BOY ★ (Pontin Holidays) Thomson Jones 5-8-11 A. Murray
15 (6) 0-00000 WORDSWORTH (Nionisle Ltd) D. Wilson 4-8-4 ... T. Williams (3)
16 (17) 2-00000 QUIET COUNTRY (J. Carrington) P. Makin 3-8-1 ... R. Wernham
17 (7) 043003 WORLING-PEARL (G. Hubbard) F. Durr 3-8-1 ... ——
21 (2) 230303 ACCURACY (Miss B. Swire) G. Balding 3-7-11 ... ——
22 (14) 0-00200 SEDGE (Mrs M. Thorpe) P. Walwyn 3-7-11 ... Paul Eddery
23 (16) 210303 KNIGHT'S HEIR (W. Ponsonby) D. Arbuthnot 3-7-11 ... M. Hills
27 (11) 0000/ THE FLOORLAYER (Beauty Floors Ltd) J. Baker 6-7-8 .. R. Street
30 (9) 200/20- ELSELL (J. Smith) M. Eckley 9-7-8 ... ——
31 (10) 00-0P00 SLEEPLINE SANDMAN (Sleepline Holdings) R. Holder 4-7-7 R. Fox
33 (3) 0-0003 MISS CANNIBAL (M. Braham) M. Smyly 3-7-7 ... R. Still

1983: Najan Sunshine 4-9-11 B. Rouse 5-1 R. Simpson 15 ran.
Betting forecast : 4 Muqadar, 5 Wonder Wood, 7 Coral Heights, 8 Riboburg, Miss Cannibal, 10 Knights Heir, Worling-Pearl, 12 Dark Proposal.
TOP FORM TIPS: Muqadar 8, Wonder Wood 7, Dark Proposal 6.

4 0—BLATHWAYT FILLIES STAKES : 2-Y-0 : 5f ; £1,574 (16 runners).

1 (14) 4021 AFRAH (C/D) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C. Benstead 9-1 ... B. Rouse
3 (8) 00003 AFRICAN MUSIC (P. Wetzel) B. Swift 8-8 ... ——
5 (9) 002 BLUBELLA (D. Allen) I. Balding 8-8 ... S. Payne
6 (1) BREADCRUMB (T. Holland-Martin) H. Candy 8-8 ... J. Matthias
8 (6) 0 CALMEDY (Mrs J. von Patzel) N. Vigors 8-8 ... S. Dawson (5)
9 (2) 044 CLARANDAL (Mrs P. Hastings) W. Hastings-Bass 8-8 ... R. Lines (5)
10 (3) 0 CRYSTAL SET (Mrs G. Forbes) N. Vigors 8-8 ... P. Cook
14 (4) 0 LADY COOMBE (A. H. Warren Ltd) M. Blanshard 8-8 ... A. Murray
18 (11) 30 MITCHSIDER (P. Flavio) M. Ryan 8-8 ... W. Carson
20 (5) PAO (Mrs D. Redfern) J. Holt 8-8 ... P. Waldron
21 (7) 00 PEARL PET (B. Green) P. Makin 8-8 ... T. Ives
22 (10) PERFECT TIMING (R. Vines) D. Elsworth 8-8 ... R. Fox
29 (15) 0 SWEET MALINDI (J. Holt) J. Holt 8-8 ... ——
30 (13) 0 TENERIFE (R. Lyle) D. Murray-Smith 8-8 ... M. Wigham
31 (16) 420030 TUMBLE DALE (P. Durkan) M. McCormack 8-8 ... S. Cauthen
32 (12) 00 VALRACH (R. Mason) R. Hollinshead 8-8 ... Paul Eddery

1983 : Janra 8-8 B. Rouse 11-4 fav C. Horgan. 14 ran.
Betting forecast : 7-4 Blubella, 11-4 Afrah, 4 Mitchsider, 7 African Music, Clarandal, 12 Tumble Dale, 14 Tenerife.
TOP FORM TIPS : Blubella 8, Afrah 7, Tumble Dale 6.

4 30—COUNTY HANDICAP : 3-Y-0: 1m 3f 150yds; £2,761 (19 runners).

2 (14) 2013 INNES HOUSE (B. Combs II) G. Harwood 9-7 ... G. Starkey
7 (10) 4-34201 NEW ZEALAND (Mrs W. Wallace) P. Walwyn 8-12 ... J. Mercer
8 (9) 330324 FISHPOND (BF) (A. Simpson) R. Holder 8-11 ... S. Cauthen
10 (18) 320240 TROMEROS (Capt M. Lemos) C. Brittain 8-9 ... W. Carson
11 (12) 0-0030 RUSSET (A. Oldrey) P. Walwyn 8-8 ... T. Ives
12 (11) 440032 DOWNTOWN HUSTLER (T. Fry) D. Ringer 8-8 ... P. D'Arcy
13 (8) 000 SHARRARA (Sheikh Mohammed) J. Ciechanowski 8-7 .. C. Rutter (7)
14 (4) 000400 NOUREEZ ★ (H. H. Aga Khan) R. Houghton 8-7 ... D. Price (5)
18 (2) 300003 ISLAND MILL (Mrs I. Balding) I. Balding 8-5 ... S. Payne
19 (7) 340423 TAMERTOWN LAD (BF) (D. Steele) C. Horgan 8-5 ... P. Cook
20 (15) 010330 MILTON BURN (A. Richards) D. Hanley 8-4 ... R. Fox
22 (5) 00300-0 STEAMY (J. Moreton) D. Murray-Smith 8-3 ... M. Wigham
23 (13) 031000 AIR STRIKE (R. Oldroyd) B. Stevens 8-3 ... T. Williams (3)
25 (1) 240000 FIRST CRY (C) (H. Thomson) N. Vigors 8-2 ... S. Dawson (5)
26 (19) 2-00001 FLYING TENDERFOOT (P. Powell) D. Elsworth 8-1 ... B. Rouse
27 (16) 0-40000 WORTH WHILE (G. Durrant) C. Spares 8-0 ... N. Day
28 (17) 300-000 MY AISLING (S. Harvey) M. Pipe 7-12 ... Paul Eddery
35 (6) 000000 SANTELLA PAL (J. Boswell) L. Cottrell 7-9 ... G. Dickie (5)
36 (3) 000004 PEACEHAVEN ★ (E. Kessly) D. Laing 7-7 ... R. Street

1983 : Statesmanship 9-7 G. Starkey 9-2 G. Harwood 12 ran.
Betting forecast : 5 Innes House, 6 New Zealand, 7 Tamertown Lad, 8 Milton Burn Fishpond, 10 Island Mill, Tromeros, 12 Flying Tenderfoot.
TOP FORM TIPS : Tamertown Lad 3, Innes House 7, Island Mill 6.

● BLINKERS FIRST TIME.— Bath : 3.0 Catman, Undereaves. Wolverhampton : 2.30 That Would Be Nice, Bob and Peter; 4.0 Bertorella; 4.30 Crown And Sceptre. Edinburgh: 3.45 Wally's Folly, Pringle Bay; 5.15 Gagner, Narborough.

EDINBURGH

2 15 Premier Cuvee
2 45 Cedees
3 15 Balabil
3 45 Sirhann
4 15 Corston Springs
4 45 Sharika
5 15 Senor Ramos

DRAW ADVANTAGE : HIGH. GOING : Good.

2 15—INGLISTON FILLIES STAKES : 2-Y-0 ; 5f ; £914 (7 runners).

1 (3) 022000 BOLD WAY ★ W. Bentley 8-8 ... D. Nicholls
2 (2) 200 CORRALS LADY J. Winter 8-8 W. R. Swinburn
8 (5) 0400 DARCY FARROW Denys Smith 8-8 ... M. Fry
9 (1) 30000 NORTHERN PARADE M. W. Easterby 8-8 ... M. Birch
12 (7) PREMIERE CUVEE M. Prescott 8-8 G. Duffield
13 (6) PROPERRION W. H. Williams 8-8 ... ——
15 (4) 0 REIGNING T. Barron 8-8 ... S. Webster

1983 : Acka's Gem 8-8 J. Seagrave 15-1 Mrs S. Cousins. 11 ran.
Betting forecast : 11-4 Corrals Lady, 7-2 Bold Way, Premiere Cuvee, 11-2 Darcy Farrow, 8 Properrion, 14 Northern Parade,
TOP FORM TIPS : Corrals Lady 8, Bold Way 7.

2 45—GULLANE SELLING HANDICAP: 5f; £608 (13 runners).

1 (9) 11000-0 ROSINKA (D) P. Rohan 3-9-10 R. Fahey (7)
3 (10) 000000 JOLIE COURTISANE (D) J. S. Wilson 4-9-5 ... G. Duffield
4 (1) 00-0000 NORTH PINE ★ J. Etherington 3-9-5 ... M. Hindley (5)
5 (14) 004020 MEL MIRA ★ T. Craig 4-9-4 .. E. Guest (5)
7 (2) 400000 NATIVE RULER C. Austin 3-9-3 ... A. Clark
11 (7) 004140 LAST SECRET ★ D. Chapman 3-9-1 D. Nicholls
12 (13) 000000 DEBAYO S. Norton 4-8-13 ... J. Lowe
13 (6) 04-0000 TEMPLE BAR MAID (D) D. A. Wilson 4-8-13 ... doubtful
14 (3) 023100 RAPID LADY Mrs M. Nesbitt 4-8-11 A. Crook
15 (8) 000-040 TUFTED LOCKS Miss S. Hall 3-8-9 M. Birch
16 (11) 030034 GO SPECTRUM G. Calvert 4-8-8 ... S. Webster
17 (5) 000203 CEDEES M. Tompkins 4-8-8 ... M. Kettle
19 (12) 004000 LYPTOSOL VELVET ★ P. Calver 3-8-7 ... M. Beecroft
20 (4) 000-000 ANTONIETA ★ T. Mulhall 3-8-7 ... ——

1983 : Celtic Bird 3-9-2 A. Weiss 2-1 fav A. Balding 9 ran.
Betting forecast : 9-4 Cedees, 3 Mel Mira, 4 Last Secret, 6 Go Spectrum, 8 Rapid Lady 10 Jolie Courtisane.
TOP FORM TIPS : Cedees 8, Mel Mira 7, Rapid Lady 6.

3 15—REGENCY HANDICAP : 1¼m : £1,982 (13 runners).

3 (11) 203144 STARWIND J. Winter 3-9-7 .. W. R. Swinburn
5 (7) 10-0400 CHACONIA F. Durr 3-9-5 ... J. Lowe
6 (1) 213400 APPLE WINE (C/D) D. Chapman 7-9-5 ... D. Nicholls
8 (12) 300033 RED DUSTER T. Fairhurst 4-9-3 ... M. Birch
9 (5) 300300 MASKED BALL (D) P. Calver 4-9-2 M. Beecroft
11 (10) 130104 BALABIL (C) M. Prescott 3-8-12 G. Duffield
12 (13) 034 FIRST FOLLY G. Harwood 3-8-11 ... A. Clark
15 (6) 322310 MALADHU (D) J. FitzGerald 5-8-8 ... S. Perks
17 (8) 4012-04 SIX 0 SIX AUCTION C. Thornton 4-8-8 ... J. Bleasdale
24 (3) 021002 GAINVILLE LAD (D) R. Whitaker 3-8-1 ... N. Carlisle
27 (4) 404002 THARALEOS F. Watson 4-7-11 D. Leadbitter (5)
31 (2) 400043 SWEETHEART W. Haigh 4-7-7 ... A. Proud
32 (9) 00-0000 A T S PRINCE K. Stone 5-7-7 ... M. Fry

1983 : Hasty Goddess 4-9-1 E. Hide 10-1 W. A. Stephenson. 11 ran.
Betting forecast : 3 Balabil, 4 Maladhu, 5 Tharaleos, 11-2 Starwind, Apple Wine, 8 Gainville Lad, 10 Six 0 Six Auction.
TOP FORM TIPS : Balabil 8, Apple Wine 7, First Folly 6.

3 45—FISHERROW MAIDEN STAKES; 1m; £1,024 (15 runners)

2 (7) WALLY'S FOLLY ★ J. Mulhall 5-9-4 ——
4 (13) 02-223 BABY BOY M. Prescott 3-8-12 .. doubtful
7 (10) 0 DARRU C. H. Bell 3-8-12 ... N. Carlisle
9 (11) 00 GERE W. Elsey 3-8-12 ... D. Nicholls
10 (4) 0-0 GLENFIELD CLEANER Mrs M. Nesbitt 3-8-12 ... A. Crook
12 (1) 0-20000 KHACHATURIAN S. Norton 3-8-12 ... J. Lowe
14 (3) 00-0000 PRINGLE BAY ★ M. W. Easterby 3-8-12 ... M. Hindley (5)
15 (2) 422220 SIRHANN G. Harwood 3-8-12 ... A. Clark
16 (16) 0 AMBER MAY J. Haldane 3-8-9 ... K. Darley
17 (12) 2-000 BALEARICA J. Fitzgerald 3-8-9 ... S. Perks
18 (15) 0- BY SURPRISE M. Prescott 3-8-9 G. Duffield
20 (9) 0 GAPAM GIRL Denys Smith 3-8-9 ... D. Leadbitter (5)
24 (8) 400-000 RECORD RED Denys Smith 3-8-9 .. M. Fry
25 (6) 002 TATIANA P. Calver 3-8-9 ... M. Birch
26 (5) 400403 THATCHOVA T. Barron 3-8-9 ... S. Webster
27 (14) 2-32000 ZAIDE Mrs L. Peacock 3-8-9 .. K. Hodgson

1983: Fairy Dean 3-8-9 N. Connorton 5-1 J. W. Watts 11 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Sirhann, 11-4 By Surprise, 5 Thatchova, 6 Zaide, 8 Balearica, 10 Tatiana.
TOP FORM TIPS: Sirhann 8, Tatiana 7, Thatchova 6.

4 15—PORTOBELLO MAIDEN STAKES; Div 1: 2-Y-0; 1m: £916 (12 runners).

1 (4) 000 AL AIN M. Stoute 9-0 ... W. R. Swinburn
3 (5) 0 ANOTHER MIRACLE J. Etherington 9-0 M. Wood
4 (10) 0000 COMRADE KEMPINSKI S. Norton 9-0 J. Lowe
6 (3) 32 CORSTON SPRINGS (BF) J. Winter 9-0 M. Birch
17 (12) 04 HUNKY (BF) Denys Smith 9-0 ... M. Fry
22 (1) 424 OPEN ALL HOURS J. Berry 9-0 K. Darley
25 (6) 003 SCAMANDER E. Weymes 9-0 ... K. Hodgson
27 (2) 003000 SHANWYN J. Hanson 9-0 ... C. Dwyer
32 (9) WILD GINGER J. W. Watts 9-0 ... S. Perks
39 (7) 00 CONWYN RIVER M. Prescott 8-11 G. Duffield
40 (8) 00 DAME DE VALOUR P. Calver 8-11 M. Beecroft
44 (11) 34 LUSTROUS B. Hobbs 8-11 ... N. Carlisle

1983: Springle 8-11 S. Perks 14-1 R. Hollinshead 13 ran.
Betting forecast: 2 Lustrous, 3 Corston Springs, 9-2 Al Ain, Scamander, 6 Open All Hours, 12 Conwyn River.
TOP FORM TIPS: Corston Springs 8, Lustrous 7, Open All Hours 6.

4 45—QUEENSFERRY NURSERY HANDICAP : 2-Y-0 ; 7f : £956 (10 runners).

1 (8) 423030 WHAT A RECORD B. Hobbs 9-7 ... G. Duffield
2 (4) 232133 SHARIKA (BF) M. Stoute 9-2 W. R. Swinburn
4 (6) 340000 ELEGANT PORT T. Fairhurst 8-8 C. Coates (5)
10 (5) 00000 CONNIE A. W. Jones 8-0 ... S. Webster
12 (7) 000 PRINCE JIM K. Stone 7-12 ... M. Fry
13 (10) 00200 COLSTERDALE J. Etherington 7-12 ... M. Wood
17 (1) 0030 HAPPY HOMEMAKER J. Berry 7-7 .. K. Darley
18 (9) 0000 ABTASURE ★ J. W. Watts 7-7 ... J. Lowe
19 (2) 420043 KING'S BADGE T. Craig 7-7 ... N. Carlisle
22 (3) 04402 CAVERNE W. Elsey 7-7 ... A. Proud

1983 : Pagan Son 7-13 P. Bloomfield 14-1 A. Bailey. 11 ran.
Betting forecast : 7-4 Sharika, 11-4 What A Record, 6 King's Badge, 7 Happy Homemaker, 8 Elegant Port, 10 Caverne.
TOP FORM TIPS : Sharika 10, What A Record 7, Caverne 6.

5 15—PORTOBELLO MAIDEN STAKES; Div. II; 2-Y-0; 1m: £1,439 (11 runners).

9 (1) 00000 GAGNER ★ W. Elsey 9-0 ... D. Nicholls
12 (10) GO CRAZY R. Allen 9-0 ... S. Webster
13 (5) 0 G GRUNDY'S PET Denys Smith 9-0 M. Fry
14 (9) 00 HARDKNOCKIN J. FitzGerald 9-0 .. S. Perks
18 (6) 0240 NARBOROUGH ★ G. Harwood 9-0 A. Clark
19 (2) NIGHT GUEST J. Haldane 9-0 .. K. Darley
26 (3) 0400 SENOR RAMOS S. Norton 9-0 ... J. Lowe
33 (8) ANNIE RA J. Berry 8-11 ... ——
38 (4) 0 COCKED HAT SUPREME Miss S. Hall 8-11 ... M. Birch
41 (11) 0000 EMMAZENDA ★ J. Parkes 8-11 G. Duffield
42 (7) 0 GREY CORAL M. Tompkins 8-11 M. Kettle

Betting forecast: 15-8 Narborough, 5-2 Cocked Hat Supreme, Senor Ramos, 7 Gagner, 10 Hardknockin, 12 Grundy's Pet.
TOP FORM TIPS: Narborough 8, Senor Ramos 7, Cocked Hat Supreme 6.

SOUTHWELL

2 15 Lacord
2 45 Hawaiian Heir
3 15 Father Delaney
3 45 State Case
4 15 Duke of Dollis
4 45 Dear Remus

★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good.

2 15—MORTON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS' NOVICE HURDLE: 2m; £555 (16 runners).

100 TYMAPALI (C/D) 4-11-6 M. Bowlby
020- FLITTERVILLE 5-11-1 C. Kellett (5)
2 LACORD (BF) 5-11-1 ... K. Burke
LIVING FIRE 5-11-1 ... P. A. Farrell
00- BHARAT 4-10-10 ... W. Hayes
CELTIC BOB 4-10-10 ... M. Caswell
P0 FALCNER LADY 5-10-10 ... ——
000- FLY GATE 5-10-10 ... M. Jenkins
P0- INFINITE STAR 4-10-10 ... Vicki Harris (5)
0P0- ROYAL BRAVE 4-10-10 P. Croucher
0-U0 ROYAL GRANT ★ 5-10-10 ... D. Wills (5)
202 TACHYROS 4-10-10 ... K. Sims
TURKANA 4-10-10 G. Charles-Jones
PINGARO 4-10-5 ... T. Woolley (5)
PRYME MOVER 4-10-5 ... ——
20-2 RIGTON SALLY 4-10-5 ... S. Youlden

Betting forecast: 5-2 Living Fire, 100-30 Lacord, 5 Tachyros, 6 Rigton Sally, 8 Tymapali, 9 Turkana, 10 Fly Gate.

2 45—UPTON SELLING HURDLE: 2m; £551 (10 runners).

-220 HAWAIIAN HEIR ★ 5-11-5 ... S. J. O'Neill
30-0 HIGH BARN 5-11-5 ... S. Johnson
00-0 NATIVE SON 5-11-5 ... P. Tuck
0-P1 GREENACRES JOY (C/D) 4-11-2 ... W. Knox (7)
0-04 SAX (D) 4-11-2 W. Worthington (7)
00 ARRAS GIRL 5-11-0 ... J. Suthern
0P-0 CARDIGAN 4-11-0 ... K. Sims (7)
00-4 MISS TALLI 5-11-0 P. Dever (4)
P-40 RAGEN'S BARGAIN 4-10-9 C. Smith
RUM RIVER 4-10-9 ... J. Barlow

Betting forecast: 2 Greenacres Joy, 4 Hawaiian Heir, 5 Rum River, 13-2 Sax, 8 High Barn, 10 Arras Girl.

3 15—COLONEL R. THOMPSON MEMORIAL TROPHY (HANDICAP CHASE): 3m 110yds: £2,431 (5 runners).

1-12 FATHER DELANEY (BF) 12-11-12 ... C. Grant
-121 SPRING CHANCELLOR 9-10-12 ... R. Lamb
11P- SEA SPLASH (C/D) 8-10-3 M. Brennan
0-02 PRINCE CARLTON (C/D) 9-10-0 ... Miss G. Saunders
020- BENNILONG 8-10-0 ... G. McCourt

Betting forecast: 15-8 Father Delaney, 2 Spring Chancellor, 9-2 Sea Splash, 11-2 Prince Carlton, 12 Bennilong.

3 45—BOWER & BOWEN NOVICE CHASE: 2m 74yds: £1,012 (11 runners).

4-11 FREIGHT FORWARDER 10-11-7 ... G. Rowe
0-12 STATE CASE (C/D) (BF) 6-11-7 ... G. Bradley
PF-0 ALPINE HIGHWAY 9-11-0 ... S. J. O'Neill
P- BEDWELL SOVEREIGN 10-11-0 ... J. Barlow
0P- CRICKET WOOD 6-11-0 S. Youlden (7)
-FU4 FLECHA 9-11-0 ... K. Burke (7)
P40 RONYSOL 5-11-0 ... A. Brown
SHOW ME THE WAY 9-11-0 ... M. Perrett
F3 SLIP O'GRACE 7-11-0 ... S. McNeill
0-U VICTOR DUB 6-11-0 ... M. Castell
30-R JUKEBOX KATIE 5-10-9 ... ——

Betting forecast: Evens State Case, 11-10 Freight Forwarder, 10 Ronysol.

4 15—JACK LEVY MEMORIAL TROPHY (HANDICAP HURDLE): 2½m; £1,444 (18 runners).

111 ASCENMOOR (C/D) 5-11-11 B. Shaw
102 DUKE OF DOLLIS (D) 5-11-7 ... A. Webber
00-1 GEMBRIDGE JUPITER (C) 6-11-1 ... J. Suthern
004- COVENT GARDEN (C/D) 6-10-12 ... S. J. O'Neill
-F12 CELTIC STORY (D) (BF) 4-10-11 ... J. Francome
334- KING OF STRESS (C) 6-10-8 ... J. A. Harris
023 MODEL PUPIL 4-10-2 M. Brennan
283 FLORI WONDER 4-10-2 ... A. Webb
P/P0 APRIL'S HERO 10-10-1 R. Strange
034- ALL THE QUEEN'S MEN ★ 4-10-0 ... P. A. Charlton
F00 PAPERACER 5-10-0 ... W. Knox (7)
04-0 LADYCROSS 5-10-0 ... J. Barlow
-040 TOMMY GUNNER 4-10-0 ... ——
-201 JAPLING (C/D) 6-10-0 M. Williams
0P-4 DUSTY FARLOW 5-10-0 ... W. Morris (4)
220 BUSHY BAY ★ 10-10-0 K. Burke (7)
413 CALL-ME-MORLAIS (C/D) 11-10-0 ... P. Tuck
043- GRANGEHILL (C) 9-10-0 ... ——

Betting forecast: 100-30 Ascenmoor, 4 Celtic Story, 5 Duke of Dollis, 7 Gembridge Jupiter, 10 Flori Wonder.

4 45 — OXTON HANDICAP CHASE: 2m 74yds: £1,008 (13 runners).

04-1 VICTORY PRIZE 6-12-1 ... C. Grant
-040 MR MARLSBRIDGE ★ 11-11-10 ... M. Brennan
212 GREENHILL HALL 8-11-9 C. Hawkins
040- VIRIBUS (C/D) 8-11-5 P. Dever (4)
-UP3 WESTERING HOME (C/D) 10-11-4 ... M. Hood (7)
4P4- DEAR REMUS (C/D) 12-10-13 ... J. A. Harris
212 RENREBO 7-10-11 ... Dai Williams
400- ENERGISE (C/D) 6-10-9 ... A. Walton (4)
-312 SUPER BRAT 5-10-7 ... P. Barton
-F40 HANOVER PRINCE 9-10-4 ... K. Caplen (7)
00-P PRUDENT MATCH 5-10-4 ... M. Hammond
1-0P UISNEACH HILL ★ 7-10-3 J. Lovejoy
-370 MASTER WHAT 12-10-0 S. J. O'Neill

Betting forecast: 11-4 Greenhill Hall, 7-2 Victory Prize, 4 Renrebo, 5 Super Brat, 7 Viribus, 10 Hanover Prince.

WOLVERHAMPTON

2 00 MINSTREL'S GALLERY (nap)
2 30 Amiga Borracha
3 00 Proceeding
3 30 Quick Fan
4 00 Bobbie James
4 30 Late Hour

DRAW ADVANTAGE : NONE
★ DENOTES BLINKERS. GOING: Good to soft

2 0—DUDLEY MAIDEN STAKES; Div 1; 2-Y-0; 5f; £725 (11 runners).

1 (8) 003 ABLE MAYBOB G. Gaines 9-0 .. M. Miller
3 (3) DISCOVERED C. Austin 9-0 ... P. Bradwell
8 (6) 0 THREE BELLS H. Candy 9-0 ... R. Curant
9 (2) 00 YOUNG DRAGONARA K. Morgan 9-0 R. McGhin
10 (7) 0240 BLUE SCHOLAR E. Eldin 8-11 E. Guest (5)
11 (9) 2 MINSTREL'S GALLERY B. Hanbury 8-11 ... B. Raymond
12 (5) 00 MISS METAL-WOODS S. Mellor 8-11 N. Howe
15 (4) PERSIAN COFFEE M. Prescott 8-11 ... A. O'Reilly (7)
18 (10) 3203 SILK IMP P. Kelleway 8-11 Gay Kelleway (5)
19 (1) 0 STELLA GRANDE R. Sheather 8-11 R. Cochrane
20 (11) 00 THATCHVILLE Mrs J. Reavey 8-11 A. Bond

1983: Halffan 9-0 M. Miller 8-11 fav G. Huffer 8 ran.
Betting forecast: 6-4 Minstrel's Gallery, 3 Blue Scholar, 9-2 Silk Imp, 8 Three Bells, 10 Able Maybob, 14 Persian Coffee, Stella Grande.
TOP FORM TIPS: Minstrel's Gallery 8, Blue Scholar 7, Silk Imp 6.

2 30—OAKEN LODGE NURSERY SELLING HANDICAP: 2-Y-0: 7f: £1,026 (17 runners).

5 (10) 000 BAY DIMPLE H. Westbrook 9-7 ... M. Miller
7 (7) 342200 NAVANA D. Ancil 9-6 ... G. Baxter
8 (4) 04000 BOLD INVESTMENT M. Eckly 9-5 ... Gay Kelleway (5)
10 (2) 030000 THAT WOULD BE NICE ★ R. Hood 9-2 ... G. Sexton
11 (14) 00000 REESETTE Capt J. Wilson 9-2 ... ——
12 (13) 30000 AMIGA BORRACHA K. Brassey 9-2 ... S. Whitworth (5)
13 (12) 00200 IKEXEM B. Morgan 9-2 ... M. Fozzard (7)
14 (16) 0000 PAX ROMANA P. Burgoyne 9-2 ... J. Reid
15 (5) 00040 CHARLIE BURTON Mrs J. Reavey 9-1 ... A. Bond
16 (1) 304300 LINARIA C. Wildman 9-1 ... B. Raymond
20 (9) 000000 HERE WE GO AGAIN ★ R. Whitaker 8-13 ... J. H. Brown (5)
21 (3) 020040 SHAMIN'S PRIDE ★ D. Jermy 8-12 ... E. Guest (5)
22 (6) 0000 BOB AND PETER ★ J. D-Home 8-11 ... W. Ryan (3)
26 (11) 400000 DOLLY'S PET G. Blum 8-11 ... M. Thomas
27 (17) 0000 ANALDI R. Hannon 8-9 ... A. McGlone
28 (15) 00004 HUNDRED DAYS ★ J. Berry 8-9 R. Cochrane
29 (8) 0004 INGLIFIELD (BF) M. Salaman 8-7 ... N. Adams (5)

1983 : Paramaribo 9-7 B. Raymond 7-1 M. Jarvis 17 ran.
Betting forecast: 5-2 Amiga Borracha, 4 Navana, 11-2 Analdi, Hundred Days, 13-2 Ikixen, 10 Linaria, 12 Shamin's Pride.
TOP FORM TIPS ; Navana 8 Amiga Borracha 7 Linaria 6.

3 0—WEST MIDLAND HANDICAP : 1¼m ; £2,902 (18 runners).

3 (1) 000-401 CLAUDIUS CROZET (C/D) G. Huffer 5-9-7 ... M. Miller
6 (10) 331231 SNOW TREE B. Hobbs 3-9-5 ... G. Baxter
8 (12) 321121 PARK PARADE (7lb ex) (D) J. Dunlop 3-9-1 ... B. Raymond
13 (2) 0-00000 RIDGEFIELD D. Thom 6-8-12 Gay Kelleway (5)
14 (18) 203012 BEN'S BIRDIE ★ (C/D) (BF) M. Tompkins 4-8-12 ... W. Woods (5)
20 (17) 10-0004 HUAPANGO J. W. Watts 3-8-5 N. Connorton
22 (9) 230102 OLD HUBERT A. Bailey 3-8-4 P. Bloomfield (3)
24 (13) 000410 INFINITY RULES (D) (BF) S. Mellor 3-8-3 ... N. Howe
25 (6) 332000 TINOCO R. Hollinshead 4-8-3 ... W. Ryan (3)
26 (5) 00-00 ANOTHER GENERATION R. Howe 7-8-3 S. Cottle
29 (11) 033003 BRONSKI ★ S. Norton 3-8-0 ... C. Ollivier
31 (8) 034-00 SLEDGE K. Brassey 3-7-11 ... R. Hills
32 (15) BLONDELLO (D) H. Candy 5-7-11 R. Curant
33 (3) 314000 PROCEEDING (D) A. Jarvis 3-7-9 ... N. Adams (5)
37 (16) 30-0000 SECLUSIVELY KNOWN D. Sasse 3-7-7 D. McKay
38 (4) 002000 BATTLE DRUM H. Candy 3-7-7 ... M. Thomas
41 (7) 000-000 RHEIN COURT D. H. Jones 4-7-7 ... B. Crossley
42 (14) 0-000 SHAKIRA GROVE J. Spearing 3-7-7 ... ——

1983 : Brilliant Rosa 3-9-7 W. R. Swinburn 15-8 fav M. Stoute. 8 ran.
Betting forecast : 100-30 Park Parade, 5 Snow Tree, 13-2 Ben's Birdie, Old Hubert, 8 Claudius Crozet, Bronski, 10 Tinoco, 12 Huapango.
TOP FORM TIPS : Park Parade 8, Snow Tree 7, Ben's Birdie 6.

3 30—DUDLEY MAIDEN STAKES; Division 2; 2-Y-0; 5f; £711 (11 runners)

2 (6) 0000 CONCERT MELODY P. Burgoyne 9-0 ... S. Whitworth (5)
3 (10) FORMATUNE D. Arbuthnot 9-0 ... J. Reid
4 (3) 030 KALAMANOO ★ M. Ryan 9-0 ... A. Bond
5 (5) 40 RAINBOW RIPPLE ★ P. Makin 9-0 M. Thomas
6 (1) 020 AYRSHIRE LASS I. Balding 8-11 B. Raymond
7 (9) 0043 DARLING DAUGHTER G. P-Gordon 8-11 T. Quinn
10 (4) 0 IN THE FAMILY W. Guest 8-11 E. Guest (5)
11 (2) 0200 JESTERINN E. Eldin 8-11 ... ——
13 (7) 042 MERLE R. Sheather 8-11 ... R. Cochrane
15 (8) 024220 QUICK FAN B. Hanbury 8-11 ... G. Baxter
16 (11) 0 SUPER AGAIN G. Hunter 8-11 ... R. Hills

1983: Electrifying 9-0 J. Matthias 5-2 jt Fav P. Calver 10 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-4 Darling Daughter, 100-30 Ayrshire Lass, 9-2 Quick Fan, 11-2 Merle, 8 Rainbow Ripple, 12 Jesterinn, 16 Kalamanoo.
TOP FORM TIPS: Quick Fan 8, Darling Daughter 7, Ayrshire Lass 6.

4 0—SEDGELEY CLAIMING STAKES; 3-Y-0: 1m 1f: £2,130. (24 runners).

1 (6) 202- BOBBIE JAMES L. Cumani 9-0 .. R. Guest
2 (14) 001000 HUYTON'S HOPE T. Taylor 9-0 ... ——
3 (13) 00-000 NORTH STAR SAM R. Akehurst 9-0 .. J. Reid
5 (23) 00000 ROCKY DOMAIN P. Haslam 9-0 ... S. Whitworth (5)
6 (10) 003000 RUNAWAY LOVER ★ R. Hannon 9-0 A. McGlone
7 (4) 0 ABBEY STADIUM D. Jermy 8-11 E. Guest (5)
8 (8) 000400 CAMPUS BOY D. Morley 8-11 R. Cochrane
9 (18) 021410 INDIAN DAWN ★ (D) S. Norton 8-11 ... C. Ollivier
13 (9) 201010 SUNAPA'S OWLET (BF) A. Jarvis 8-11 ... G. Baxter
15 (7) WREKIN BELLE W. Pearce 8-11 ... ——
16 (24) 400021 BALMACARA (C/D) P. Fielden 8-7 ... A. Shoults (7)
17 (11) 0-00400 BERTORELLA ★ G. P-Gordon 8-7 ... T. Quinn
19 (5) 00 ANSE CHASTANET ★ M. Tompkins 8-3 ... R. Curant
20 (22) 0-03034 BLUE WATERS M. Jarvis 8-3 ... B. Raymond
23 (19) 000000 RUFCHA ★ D. Sasse 8-3 ... D. McKay
24 (16) WILLIEMARK R. Howe 8-3 ... ——
25 (17) 000040 PLOUGHMAN'S R. Hollinshead 8-2 W. Ryan (3)
26 (1) 410403 TOP RANKER ★ R. Stubbs 8-1 ... ——
28 (2) 400000 FOLLOW THAT CAB P. Felgate 7-13 M. Miller
31 (21) 0-00000 MONSETTA ★ R. Griffiths 7-13 B. Crossley
32 (15) 0 OSCAR'S LADY A. Stewart 7-13 .. R. Hills
34 (20) 000000 NEEDWOOD LEADER B. Morgan 7-10 ... M. Fozzard (7)
35 (3) 00-0044 ROCKY'S GAL W. Holden 7-9 ... ——
38 (12) 00-0000 BATTLE MASTER C. Hill 7-5 ... M. Thomas

1983: Lady Donaro 9-1 K. Darley 6-4 fav J. Berry 12 ran.
Betting forecast: 3 Bobbie James, 4 Sunapa's Owlet, 11-2 Indian Dawn, Balmacara, 13-2 Blue Waters, 8 Bertorella.
TOP FORM TIPS: Balmacara 8, Indian Dawn 7, Bobbie James 6.

4 30—BREWOOD HANDICAP: 1m 1f: £2,258 (24 runners)

2 (15) 41U000 CONCERT PITCH B. Palling 5-9-8 ... S. Whitworth (5)
3 (10) 000400 ON EDGE ★ (C/D) J. Spearing 9-9-7 ... ——
4 (23) 242041 STEEL VENTURE ★ M. Ryan 5-9-6 A. Bond
5 (2) 240120 GUNNER'S BELLE M. Blanshard 4-9-6 ... N. Adams (5)
9 (20) 430000 QUALITAIR PRINCE (D) M. Ryan 5-9-4 M. Giles
10 (1) 304100 CARRIAGE WAY R. Stubbs 10-9-4 ... ——
12 (18) 200212 TOUR DE FORCE ★ (BF) P. Makin 4-9-4 ... G. Baxter
14 (3) 010-00 SIGNALMAN H. Candy 3-9-1 ... R. Curant
15 (24) 400830 GALETZSKY D. Sasse 4-8-13 ... D. McKay
16 (4) 042000- SON OF A GUNNER S. Mellor 4-8-12 N. Howe
18 (14) 4-40401 LOTUS PRINCESS W. H-Bass 3-8-12 ... ——
19 (19) 001430 EXPLETIVE ★ (C) D. H. Jones 4-8-11 J. Reid
20 (12) 300001 SKYBOOT E. Carter 5-8-11 ... ——
21 (22) 214143 MR MUSIC MAN Mrs J. Reavey 10-8-10 ... M. Thomas
23 (1) 04340-0 HIGH STATE (D) P. Felgate 4-8-9 M. Miller
24 (9) 0-00022 LEMELASOR D. H. Jones 4-8-9 R. Cochrane
25 (13) 004300 TENDER MOON B. Hanbury 3-8-9 ... ——
27 (8) 0-4004 CROWN AND SCEPTRE ★ I. Balding 3-8-9 ... B. Raymond
28 (11) 400010 FORAGE P. Walwyn 3-8-9 ... N. Howe
29 (5) 40-4434 BOLD ROWLEY K. Brassey 4-8-7 ... R. Hills
30 (6) 202000 LATE HOUR R. Hollinshead 5-8-7 W. Ryan (3)
36 (21) 000000 MARSHALLA Capt J. Wilson 4-8-5 ... ——
37 (16) 000- SHARP IMAGE G. Balding 3-8-4 J. Williams
38 (17) 240322 PRINCESS POSSUM P. Mitchell 3-8-4 ... B. Crossley

1983: Bertida 5-9-5 E. Guest 11-1 E. Eldin 22 ran.
Betting forecast: 9-2 Princess Possum, 11-2 Steel Venture, Tour De Force, 13-2 Lotus Princess, 8 Gunner's Belle, Carriage Way, 10 Mr Music Man.
TOP FORM TIPS: Steel Venture 8, Princess Possum 7, Late Hour 6.

England and Arsenal bracing up to winter

WHEN TREVOR Francis's knee begins to swell and Bryan Robson's hamstring starts to complain then winter, not to mention another major qualifying competition, cannot be far away.

This morning Bobby Robson announces his squad for England's opening World Cup match against Finland *at Wembley a week on Wednesday. It* should be a largely formal affair, a reduction to 22 of the 28-strong squad for last month's friendly against East Germany which was supposed to provide *the England manager with the* basis of his team for the Finland game.

No doubt this is how it will turn out in the main: the latest doubt about Francis simply confirms the correctness of Robson's decision not to make him first-choice striker on the evidence of pre-season form in Italy. But the possibility of losing Bryan Robson at the very start of a World Cup expedition is another matter altogether.

Whatever happens at Lancaster Gate today, the state of the England captain's hamstring will be Bobby Robson's prime concern for the rest of the *week. Bryan Robson missed Manches*ter United's match at Villa Park, where they suffered their first defeat of the season, and may or may not be fit in time to return against West Ham at Old Trafford this weekend.

If he does come back then he will run the risk of aggravating the strain and if he does not, then he will be withdrawn from the England squad anyway. Thus Bobby Robson soon finds himself back in the Catch 22 situation of England management. Presumably Ray Wilkins would lead England in the captain's absence.

There is a strong feeling that Graham Rix will be recalled to the squad today, having been forced out by injury after appearing against Northern Ireland *in February. Indeed*, with Gordon Cowans rapidly regaining his best *form for Aston Villa*, Robson has the opportunity to replenish his meagre stock of left-sided players.

However, as Rix modestly observed at Highbury on Saturday: "It'll be a bit of encouragement if I'm in the squad, but I'll be very surprised if Bobby Robson changes his team." Certainly there is little justification for leaving out Barnes whose qualities, if anything, are being re-emphasised by his efforts in a struggling Watford side.

Robson will base his selection on individual performances rather than League positions. At the same time he can hardly fail to notice that three of those who played against East Germany — Sansom, Woodcock and Mariner — plus Rix have helped the newly settled Arsenal team to open a small gap at the top of the First Division.

SOCCER COMMENT

David Lacey

Arsenal regained the leadership with a narrow and slightly fortuitous 1-0 victory, their goal coming from a highly controversial penalty, over Everton and Tottenham can overtake them on Friday by beating Liverpool in a televised match at White Hart *Lane. Nevertheless Arsenal are already* showing signs of slipping into the sort of successful groove which brings victory by habit and sometimes sees a team win games without performing particulary well.

From this point of view Saturday's defeat of Everton gave Arsenal almost as much satisfaction as it would have done if they had blinded the opposition with brilliance. They struggled to find space against an Everton team who, as is their wont, compressed the play into a narrow corridor either side of the halfway line.

Nicholas, slightly handicapped by a strained hamstring, was often stifled, Rix prowled around the crowd searching vainly for a way through and many of Arsenal's better attacks began with Stewart Robson using his power to force a way out of the throng. Mariner and Talbot, in their contrasting ways, were tireless in their pursuit of scoring chances but neither they nor Woodcock managed to mount sustained pressure on a well-organised Everton defence.

Everton, with Heath in excellent form up front, had some justification for feeling they deserved something from the afternoon. In the first half especially their football looked sufficiently skilful and imaginative to bring them their fourth away League win.

As it was Everton suffered a similar fate to that of Liverpool at Highbury a month earlier. Then Arsenal, having had the worst of a first half that was overrunning by three minutes, went ahead with a free-kick from Talbot, awarded questionably for a foul against Nicholas.

Now, as the half moved into its *47th minute, Nicholas and Ratcliffe* made mild contact in the Everton penalty area, the ball was whisked away over the far touchline and the referee Dennis Hedges signalled a throw-in.

Talbot, using his committee experience as chairman of the Professional Footballers' Association, begged the referee to reconsider. Should not the matter be referred to the nearest linesman, whose flag indicated something more urgent for discussion than a throw-in?

"You should have a word with him," said Talbot, "after all he can only say no." In fact, the linesman said "Yes." Mr Hedges awarded Arsenal a penalty and Nicholas placed what proved to be the winning goal past Southall.

"I took the ball on my chest and Kevin Ratcliffe cut across me," said Nicholas later. "I'm not saying it was a definite penalty, but it was one of *those which sometimes you get and* sometimes you don't." Talbot had no such doubts: "It was a penalty. There was a push. I saw it. The referee was on the blind side."

Heath, cautioned for arguing, said: "No-one knows why it was given. The only thing it could have been was for pushing. It was a very obscure decision. We are very disappointed because Arsenal are the best team we have played this season and we were doing well."

Neither manager had a clear view of the incident from their touchline positions but both agreed that the overall quality of the match had not been high. However Don Howe did make the pertinent observation that "this time last year we might have lost that game 1-0. The people would have gone away frustrated and the players would have gone away frustrated.

"In matches like this, where the opposition are not giving you any space, you have no alternative but to *battle it out and I'm pleased about the* way we did this. You can't put passing momements together, you know it's a scruffy match and that people are really not enjoying it. But if you win, they go away thinking it's OK."

So far this season, Arsenal have made only two changes and one of those involved Nicholas returning after missing the first fixture through suspension. The other has seen Rix reappearing after Achilles tendon problems and, as he himself, said a settled side winning consistently generates its own spirit and enthusiasm.

"We're battling now," said Rix. That is the difference between this season and a year ago. We are more prepared to adapt. Everton didn't give us much chance to play. After two minutes we realised we wouldn't be able to play our usual stuff. But now we're prepared to hook the ball on and chase after it if the situation demands this.

"We can do the basics, we've got talented players and there is a good understanding. A year ago we were playing, if you'll pardon the expression, flick-and-fart football. Now we're prepared to battle if necessary and we know we have the quality to win games."

Arsenal's resumed leadership of the First Division may not mean much at this stage but if three or four clubs do manage *to break away from the rest it* will be surprising if Howe's team are not among them.

The last time Arsenal won the title, their eighth, was in 1971 when they completed the Double by beating Liverpool at Wembley. That was also the season when Liverpool previously went four home League games without a win — a slump equalled by Saturday's goalless draw against West Bromwich Albion.

SCORER.—Arsenal: *Nicholas* pen (47min).
Arsenal.—Jennings; Anderson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Caton, Robson, Rix, *Mariner, Woodcock, Nicholas*.
Everton.—Southall; Stevens, Van Den Hauwe, Ratcliffe, Mountfield, Reid, Steven, Heath, Sharp, Bracewell, Richardson.
Referee: D. Hedges (Oxford).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Regis move in balance

SOCCER: Cyrille Regis (above) the West Bromwich Albion striker, will have further talks today with the Coventry City manager, *Bobby* Gould, about a transfer to Highfield Road. The clubs have agreed a fee of £300,000 for the player, who has been at Albion all his professional career and has played over 230 league games, writes Charles Burgess.

EQUESTRIANISM: Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands Anglesarke, in a welcome return to their 1982 world championship silver medal form, won the Radio Rentals Championship at the Horse of the Year Show's final night at Wembley on Saturday, beating Liz Edgar on Everest Forever by a split second *for the faster of only two clear rounds* in an eight-horse jump-off, writes John Kerr.

But the week belonged to Nick Skelton, almost three seconds faster than the winner, for whom only St James's last-fence fault prevented him from adding to his record tally of 10 winners in the competition.

However, Radio Rentals, show jumping's second largest sponsor, announced it is to withdraw its £250,000 annual support at the end of the year.

JUDO: Most of the probable members of Britain's women's team for the Vienna world championship next month took titles at the 13-nation British Open Championship at Crystal Palace on Saturday, writes Benjamin Raphael.

But Hull's Karen Briggs, the world and European bantamweight champion, was beaten for the third successive time by Scotland's Ann Marie Briody. Despite this blow to *her morale, she is certain to* gain selection for Vienna.

Britain's other world champion, the featherweight Loretta Doyle, had a less hazardous day aided by a walkover in the final because Sue Goodwin had gone to hospital with a damaged rib.

RUGBY UNION: France scored six tries in a 40-12 defeat of Japan in the second Test in Tokyo yesterday, despite a marked improvement in *Japanese technique* since France's crushing 52-0 first Test victory.

France's try haul means they crossed the line 46 times in the five matches of their unbeaten tour of Japan. But just before half-time the Olympic stadium erupted as 40,000 jubilant fans celebrated a try by flanker Hikaru Kawaji, the first scored against France since their opening tour match.

The South American Jaguars launched their seven-match tour of South Africa by beating a combined eastern Cape Province side 19-9 at Cradock on Saturday.

CRICKET: Australian captain Kim Hughes lived up to his promise of making a clean sweep of the one-day series against India when his side coasted to a six-wicket victory in the final match at Indore on Saturday, despite a century from India's opener, Ravi Shastri.

The win gave Australia a 3-0 win in the five-match series. They won the opening game by 48 runs, the next two matches were abandoned because of rain and the touring team won the fourth match on Friday by seven wickets.

Indore. — INDIA 235 for 5 (Shastri 102; Maguire 3-61) lost to AUSTRALIA 235 for 4 (Smith 56, Ritchie 59 no; Ashok Patel 3-43).

TENNIS: Eliot Teltscher of the US imposed his solid ground game on Paraguayan Francisco *Gonzalez* and took the Indoor Classic singles title with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory in Brisbane yesterday.

It was the American's first tournament success in a year. Gonzalez later won the doubles with American Matt Mitchell 6-7, 6-2, 7-5 over Australians Wally Masur and Brod Dyke.

BASEBALL: Steve Garvey's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth inning gave the San Diego Padres a 7-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs *on Saturday* to force a fifth and final game in the National League championship series. The winner of the final game will play the American League champions Detroit Tigers in the World Series beginning tomorrow.

ROAD-RUNNING: Barry Heath, a 36-year-old Royal Marine, won the 34th annual London to Brighton race in 5hr 24min 15sec yesterday. Runner-up was Don Ritchie, of Forres Harriers, who finished in 5-28.27 with Reading AC's Peter Sugden third in 5-29.21.

BOXING: Georg Steinherr of European light-middleweight title last week, has been ordered to defend his crown against official challenger Emilio Sole of Spain by the end of the year.

Robert Armstrong—Southampton 1, Tottenham 0

Spurs living in dreamland

From time to time football *managers give a post-match* analysis which appears to have only the most tenuous connection with reality. When manager of the month Peter Shreeves praised the "quality and character" of his players and Lawrie McMenemy enthused over "an exciting game," it was hard to believe that both were referring to the tedium just experienced at the Dell. No wonder an aberrant fan fell through the skylight into the boardroom.

Tottenham, League leaders before the kick-off, succumbed to mediocre Southampton with such lack of fight and so little notion of how to create a scoring chance that their *championship ambitions seemed ab*surd.

Such a depressing performance would not be tolerated in the more critical cockpit of White Hart Lane, where stuttering Liverpool are the visitors on Friday. Spurs have an abundance of strikers, which makes a total of three shots on target doubly mystifying after a total of 15 goals in their previous three games.

To be sure, Spurs played some pretty football in the middle of the field, especially after the interval when Southampton decided to concede space and defend their slender lead. Yet Shilton might just as well have taken the day off apart from the single threatening moment when required to parry a close-range volley from Falco.

Roberts attempted to inspire *a fightback with his imitation* of a dreadnought on red alert. The substitute Mabbutt also made a brave contribution during the last 20 minutes when he came on for Hughton, who was in danger of being sent off for persistent handling.

But Spurs' refusal to battle in all parts of the field suggests *they lack consistent* motivation, without which the League title will remain a pipedream. The most talented sides have to scuffle for points at the Dell; witness the goalless draw achieved by Manchester United in August.

Of course, McMenemy visibly glowed with pleasure at top*pling the toffs and pulling* away from the doldrums. Southampton did little to deserve the goal Moran glanced home following a Wallace corner after half-an-hour, but their determination did much to remove the memory of that midweek defeat in Hamburg. Curtis and Wright also had shots kicked off the line.

At least the splendid Wallace gave value for money in the second half when he ran half the length of the field *only to* see his shot strike the foot of a post. Spurs should be so lucky.

SCORER.—Southampton: Moran (30 mins).
Southampton: Shilton; Mills, Dennis, Williams, Wright, Bond, Holmes, Curtis, Jordan, Moran, Wallace.
Tottenham: Clemence; Stevens, Hughton (Mabbutt, 69 mins), Roberts, Miller, Perryman, Chiedozie, Falco, Galvin, Hazard, Crooks.
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby).

Russell Thomas
Brighton 2,
Birmingham 0

Penney on loose

THE TOP people visiting London by the sea this week should be told. There's a young, shock-haired left-winger on the prowl in the area. I refer, of course, to Steve Penney, Brighton's Northern Irish striker. He's 20 and he's trouble.

Penney has a little of the maverick about him, football-wise. He's two-footed and has been known to float from wing to wing, but on Saturday he chose to torment Birmingham's right. The Second Division leaders could not contain this youthful infiltration and left the Goldstone Ground beaten and with a few individual reputations badly bruised.

Penney's rich contribution—completed by his right-footed 25-yard drive for Brighton's second goal—had manager Chris Catlin purring. "He's young and you've got to wrap him in cotton wool a bit. But he's a certainty to win a Northern Ireland cap in the near future. He'll be a great player."

Dropped for the two previous games, Penney returned with renewed hunger. He devoured Jones, who had just left the Goldstone, to supply Ferguson, the man who arrived in exchange With Connor foraging relentlessly, the game's other debutant, Seaman, had a torrid initiation in Birmingham's goal.

Seaman suffered the indignity of conceding his new team's first away goal—rifled home by Jacobs after Connor's neat exchange of passes with Pearce—but Brighton's attacking wave subsided a little in the second half as Birmingham reshuffled with Roberts moving over to shore up the ragged right.

But Penney persisted, punishing Roberts's momentary indecision and completing the formality of Birmingham's first away defeat. The leaders had no time to respond, but their supporters did as a hail of bricks and other missiles near the West stand forced a minute's stoppage.

Ron Saunders, Bell's Whisky winner of the month, didn't have much to drink to, apart from a Daly shot *and one from Harford that* Moseley agilely tipped away. Birmingham's manager was typically forthright: "We had too many passengers to name. We'll get a few rockets and stick them in the appropriate places."

SCORERS.—Brighton: Jacobs (15 min), Penney (64).
Brighton: Moseley; Hutchings, Gatting, Jacobs, O'Reilly, Pearce, Wilson, Case, Ferguson (Worthington, 85 min), Connor, Penney.
Birmingham: Seaman; Jones, Roberts, Wright, Armstrong, Daly, Hagan, Clarke, Harford, Bremner, Rees (Kuhl, half-time).
Referee: D. Reeves (Uxbridge).

Charles Burgess—Aston Villa 3, Manchester United 0

Villa find missing number in Six

What a difference one player can make. In Aston Villa's case the first appearance of their French international winger Didier Six galvanised the team to heights of quality and enjoyment they have not reached for some time. On the other side the absence of United's England captain Bryan Robson in midfield, because of injury, contributed to a defeat that ended their unbeaten record.

Six, signed for a year on loan from Mulhouse, was by no means the man of the match — that distinction went to the electric, shoot-on-sight McMahon, edging his marvellous midfield partner, Cowans — but his presence made those performances possible.

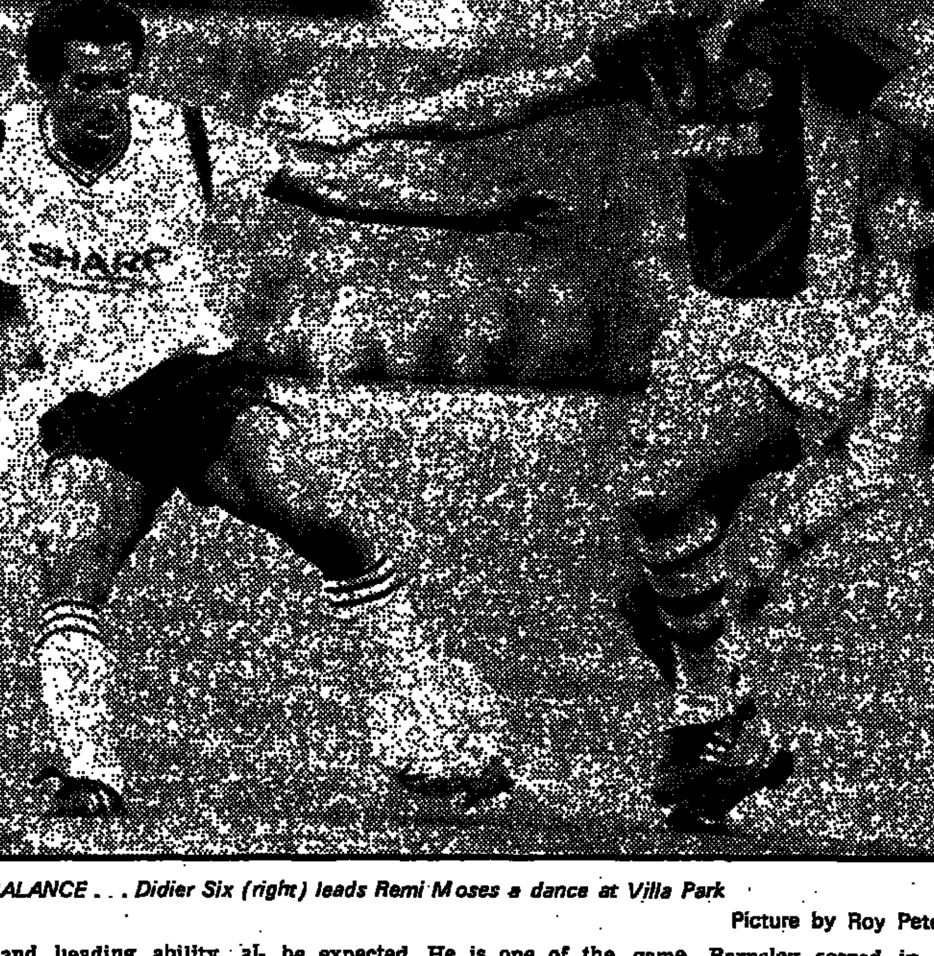
His undoubted skill sent a shiver of anticipation down the spine and he went off, after 76 minutes, to a standing ovation and his name being chanted with French pronunciation.

Six produced the perfect cross for Withe to head Villa into the lead and he had the better of the England right-back Duxbury. Afterwards he remarked on the "vivacity" of the football which, he said, "moved very, very fast by comparison to the Continent."

No doubt Six will have to speed up, yet it is his ability to slow things down which will be most appreciated. Cowans said: "He's good. He gives us what we had when Tony Morley was at his best, another *outlet. He gives us a break* and gives time for Withe and Rideout to get forward. He sees things well and beats people easily."

United's manager Ron Atkinson gave Villa all credit and did not criticise his own men. Perhaps it was sheer coincidence that on a day when Villa's men were all on song that United were out of tune. They had no control of midfield and, although Atkinson said he did nat know if Robson had been missed, he was. *Muhren looked* pretty but ineffective, Strachan being the best in this area.

It is unlikely that anyone could have beaten Villa on Saturday. Withe was again a vital cog, with his enthusiasm, neat



LA BALANCE . . . Didier Six (right) leads Remi Moses a dance at Villa Park

Picture by Roy Peters

flicks and heading ability, although there remained doubts about Rideout, his striking partner who scored but who still looked short on control.

At the back Ormsby was again a more than able deputy for Foster, who voiced his *complaints in Saturday's Wol*verhampton Express and Star. The centre-back, bought from Brighton in March for £200,000, will see the Villa manager Graham Turner, today. A transfer request can be expected. He is one of the players whom Turner does not rate as good enough.

SCORERS.—Aston Villa: Withe (19 min), Evans (24), Rideout (55).
Aston Villa: Day; Williams, Gibson, Evans, Ormsby, McMahon, Birch, Rideout, Withe, Cowans, Six (Walters, 76 min).
Manchester Utd: Bailey; Duxbury, Albiston, Moses, Moran, Hogg, Strachan, Muhren, Hughes, Brazil, Olsen.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering).

● Crystal Palace who have not beaten Barnsley at home for 60 years, went down 1-0 to the Yorkshire side at Selhurst Park yesterday after dominating the game. Barnsley scored in the 82nd minute when, after seeing his shot strike the post, Gwyn *Thomas regained possession and* squared for David Geddis to net.

● Barcelona have given Steve Archibald clearance for Scotland's first *World Cup qualify*ing match, against Iceland a week on Wednesday. Scotland's manager Jock Stein is expected to name all the 21 players on duty *for last month's friendly* with Yugoslavia.

Erland Clouston—Liverpool 0, WBA 0

The lost Saturdays

The story goes that when Stalin died, the doctors dared because The Great Leader had not attend his switching body because The Great Leader had not authorised their approach.

Much the same nervousness besets Liverpool-watchers. The club's resilience to post*mortems is legendary*, and no one wants to make a fool of himself by writing off a team that subsequently lifts all the available silverware. Stockport County's Milk Cup squad permitting, of course.

Yet are we being too fastidious? After starting well against West Bromwich, Liverpool ended up an apparently dispirited and disorganised side. They did not, mathematically, deserve to lose, but in failing to win they continued a sequence of sad Saturdays that *stretches* back to the beginning of the season.

Excuses can be made. Inevitably, Robinson suffers in comparison with the absent Rush, though it took an extraordinary parry by Godden to prevent the big man putting Liverpool ahead in the 10th minute.

That sense of relentless support, essential to Liverpool teams, and so flustering to their opponents, seemed missing. Wark was uninvolved, *Dalglish's* passing was petulant. Neal and Lee were forever squabbling down the right. Grobbelaar, never one to shirk confusion, raced 20 yards from his *goal to head the ball off* Hansen's chest.

Luckily, West Bromwich were not equipped to exploit the situation — they had left out Regis and Morley. Hunt's tidiness and Grealish's strength were never sufficient to extract Thompson *from* the clutches of Lawrenson. Mackenzie wafted their best chance over the bar with half-an-hour to go.

Afterwards, Joe Fagan complained of Liverpool's lack of "blood and guts" in the second half. "It *is not*," he stressed, "just a question of playing ourselves out of a sticky patch." It sounded almost like a post-mortem.

Liverpool. — Grobbelaar; Neal, Kennedy, Lawrenson, Whelan, Hansen, Dalglish, Lee (Nicol, 68min), Walsh, Wark, Robinson.
WBA. — Godden; Whitehead, Statham, Hunt, Bennett, Robertson, Grealish, Thompson, Cross, Mackenzie, Robson (Forsythe, 70 min).
Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle upon Tyne).

Paul Fitzpatrick—Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sunderland 2

Sunderland survive Lyons' den

The presence of such names as Chisholm, Daniel and Elliott rake up memories of the fifties when Sunderland, among the most dedicated spenders in the business, were known as *the Bank of England side*. But on Saturday any similarities ended with the names.

By half-time Sunderland were two goals down to Shef*field Wednesday* at Hillsborough and far from showing any signs of wealth looked devoid of ideas and shooting power. Blair's unerr*ing ability to find colleagues* from corners had brought goals for Chapman and Marwood.

If there was little else to admire *about an over-robust* Sunderland, then credit must *be accorded their opportunism.* The first half suggested there was not a shot in the side, let alone a goal. But by the hour they were level.

Two ghastly defensive blunders, with Lyons the unhappy central figure on both occasions, allowed Atkinson to drive the ball sweetly under *Hodge's* body and Walker a simple tap-in after an offside trap had gone hopelessly wrong.

The loss of Shirtliff, who *did not reappear after half*-time because of a torn thigh muscle, was a possible explanation, with Wednesday bringing Pearson into the attack and *opting to play only three at* the back. But such lapses and the desperation with which Wednesday attempted to restore their lead suggested they might struggle to maintain their elevated position.

Four Sunderland players were booked, but Wednesday were not blameless and the most lumbering challenge of the afternoon, by Chapman, saw *Elliott carried off* with damaged knee ligaments and the Wednesday player booked.

SCORERS. — Sheffield Wednesday: Chapman (16min), Marwood (44). Sunderland: Atkinson (51) Walker (59)
Sheffield Wednesday: Hodge; Sterland, Shirtliff (Pearson, half-time) Smith, Lyons, Ryan, Marwood, Blair, Varadi, Chapman, Shelton.
Sunderland: Turner; Venison, Daniel, Bennett, Chisholm, Elliott (Atkinson, 44min), Berry, Wylde, West, Pickering, Walker.
Referee: R. Guy (Kirkby).

WEEKEND RESULTS

CANON LEAGUE. — First Division: Arsenal 1, Everton 0; Aston Villa 3, Manchester Utd 0; Liverpool 0, WBA 0; Newcastle 3, Ipswich 0; Norwich 0, Chelsea 0; Nottm Forest 1, Stoke 1; QPR 2, Luton 3; Sheffield Wed 2, Sunderland 2; Southampton 1, Tottenham 0; Watford 0, Coventry 1; West Ham 3, Leicester 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Arsenal	9	6	1	2	18	10	19
Nottm Forest	9	5	2	2	18	10	17
Tottenham	9	5	1	3	20	10	16
Sheff Wed	9	4	3	2	17	13	15
West Ham	9	4	3	2	12	11	15
Man Utd	9	3	5	1	14	8	14
Newcastle	9	4	2	3	19	19	14
Everton	9	4	2	3	16	17	14
Chelsea	9	3	4	2	11	7	13
Aston Villa	9	4	1	4	14	18	13
Liverpool	9	2	5	2	12	12	11
Ipswich	9	2	5	2	11	11	11
Sunderland	9	2	5	2	11	11	11
QPR	8	2	4	2	16	17	10
Southampton	9	2	4	3	11	13	10
Norwich	9	2	4	3	11	14	10
WBA	9	2	3	4	13	13	9
Leicester	9	2	3	4	12	18	9
Luton	9	2	3	4	11	17	9
Coventry	9	2	2	5	6	11	8
Stoke	8	1	4	3	8	15	7
Watford	9	0	4	5	15	21	4

SCOTTISH LEAGUE. — Premier Division: Celtic 2, Aberdeen 1; Dundee Utd 1, Dumbarton 0; Hearts 1, Rangers 0; Morton 1, Dundee 1; St Mirren 2, Hibernian 0. Leading positions: 1, Aberdeen 15pts; 2, Celtic 14; 3, Rangers 13.

SCOTTISH — First Division: Airdrie 2, Motherwell 0; Brechin 2, Falkirk 3; Clyde 2, St Johnstone 3; Clydebank 2, Ayr 1; Forfar 1, East Fife 0; Meadowbank 4, Kilmarnock 0; Partick Th 1, Hamilton 0. Leading positions: 1, Airdrie 14pts; 2, Clydebank 12; 3, Motherwell 11

SCOTTISH. — Second Division: Arbroath 0, Dunfermline 2; Cowdenbeath 0, Montrose 1; E Stirling 1, Berwick 2; Queen of South 2, Queen's Park 2; Stenhousemuir 1, Raith Rovers 1; Stirling Albion 2, *Albion Rovers 3; Stranraer 2, Alloa 3*. Leading positions: 1, Alloa 16pts; 2, Dunfermline 15; 3, Montrose 12.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Midland Division: Aylesbury 3, Redditch 2; Banbury 0, Oldbury 3; Forest G 0, Bromsgrove R 2; Hednesford 3, Milton K 2; Leicester Utd 0, Merthyr T 2, Moor G 3; Wellingborough 0; Sutton Coldfield 3, Stourbridge 1; VS Rugby 0, Dudley 4. Southern Division: Addlestone 6, Dorchester 0; Andover 0, Basingstoke 0; Ashford 2, Chatham 1; Dover Ath 0, Cambridge City 1; Dunstable 3, Sheppey 0; Hillingdon 1, Thanet 2; Poole 1, *Waterlooville 1; Tonbridge 0, Canterbury 3.*

FOOTBALL COMBINATION. — Ipswich 5, Bristol R 0; Luton 4, Norwich 4; Oxford Utd 2, Southampton 2; Portsmouth 1, Arsenal 3; Tottenham 1, Swansea 0.

WORLD CUP. — CONCACAF Qualifying *(St Louis). US 4, Dutch Antilles 0.*

SECOND DIVISION: Blackburn 3, Shrewsbury 1; Brighton 2, Birmingham 0; Cardiff 1, Portsmouth 2; Fulham 2, Huddersfield 1; Grimsby 4, Oldham 1; Leeds 1, Sheffield Utd 1; Manchester C 1, Oxford Utd 0; Middlesbrough 1, Charlton 0; Wimbledon 3, Carlisle 0; Wolverhampton 2, Notts Co 3.

YESTERDAY

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Birmingham	9	7	0	2	13	5	21
Portsmouth	9	6	3	0	13	5	21
Blackburn	9	6	2	1	21	8	20
Oxford	8	6	1	1	19	7	19
Brighton	9	6	0	3	14	6	18
Manchester City	9	5	2	2	14	8	17
Leeds United	9	5	1	3	18	10	16
Shrewsbury	9	5	0	4	20	15	15
Grimsby	9	5	0	4	17	15	15
Charlton	9	4	2	3	15	10	14
Barnsley	9	4	2	3	12	7	14
Wimbledon	9	4	1	4	16	17	13
Fulham	9	4	0	5	13	16	12
Sheffield United	9	2	4	3	15	14	10
Oldham	9	3	1	5	8	18	10
Wolves	9	2	2	5	12	19	8
Carlisle	9	2	2	5	6	18	8
Crystal Palace	8	2	1	5	8	13	7
Middlesbrough	9	2	1	6	11	20	7
Huddersfield	9	1	3	5	7	16	6
Notts County	9	2	0	7	10	23	6
Cardiff	9	1	0	8	9	22	3

SERVOWARM ISTHMIAN LEAGUE.—Premier Division: Billericay 4, Slough T 1; Bognor Regis 0, Walthamstow Ave 2; Croydon 0, Hitchin T 1; Dulwich H 0, Wycombe W 2; Epsom & Ewell 0, Bishop's Stortford 0; Hayes 4, Barking 1; Hendon 2, Harlow T 2; Leytonstone & Ilford 0, Harrow 0; Sutton U 2, Worthing 2; Windsor & Eton 0, Tooting & Mitcham 2; Wokingham 3, Carshalton A 0

GOLA LEAGUE.—Altrincham 2, Maidstone 0; Bath 1, Gateshead 1; Boston Utd 1, Barrow 3; Enfield 1, Runcorn 1; Kettering 1, Worcester 0; Kidderminster 1, Barnet 4; Northwich Vic 0, Dartford 1; Nuneaton 4, Weymouth 2; Scarborough 5, Dagenham 0; Wealdstone 2, Telford Utd 2; Yeovil 1, Frickley Ath 2. Leading positions: 1, Wealdstone 24pts; 2, Enfield 20; 3, Worcester 18.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE.—Bangor City 3, Gainsborough 1; Chorley 2, Burton A 3; Goole 0, Hyde U 1; Grantham 0, Southport 2; Macclesfield 1, Whitton A 3; Marine 2, Horwich 2; Mossley 1, Rhyl 0; Oswestry 2, Matlock 1; S Liverpool 3, Buxton 2; Stafford R 4, Morecambe 0; Worksop 1, Workington 1.

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE.—Barrow Res 1, Marine Res 4; Burnley A 1, Manchester C A 2; Crewe Res 2, Everton A 3; Formby Res 0, Bury Res 1; Liverpool A 2, Manchester Utd A 2; Morecambe A 2, Alsager Coll 0; Rochdale Res 1, Chester Res 2; Tranmere Res 1, South Liverpool Res 2; UMIST 1, Bolton A 3.

THIRD DIVISION: Bournemouth 1, Burnley 1; Brentford 0, Bradford C 1; Bristol R 2, Derby 1; Cambridge Utd 0, Walsall 1; Gillingham 1, Millwall 4; Lincoln 4, Preston 0; Plymouth 0, Hull City 1; Reading 3, Bolton 1; Swansea 3, Orient 1; Wigan Ath 1, Newport 1; York City 0, Bristol C 2.

YESTERDAY

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	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bristol R	9	7	1	1	12	3	22
York	9	6	2	1	16	9	20
Millwall	9	6	1	2	19	10	19
Gillingham	9	5	2	2	17	12	17
Rotherham	9	5	2	2	12	8	17
Doncaster	9	5	1	3	15	9	16
Bradford C	9	5	1	3	8	6	16
Brentford	8	4	2	2	10	5	14
Bristol C	9	4	2	3	13	12	14
Hull	9	3	4	2	8	5	13
Walsall	9	3	3	3	14	14	12
Preston	9	4	0	5	13	19	12
Burnley	9	2	5	2	11	10	11
Derby Co	9	3	2	4	11	11	11
Reading	9	3	2	4	8	11	11
Swansea	9	3	1	5	11	18	10
Wigan	9	3	1	5	6	12	10
Bournemouth	9	2	3	4	8	11	9
Orient	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	9	18	9
Plymouth	9	1	5	3	15	21	8
Bolton	8	2	1	6	15	17	7
Newport	8	1	4	3	6	10	7
Lincoln	8	1	3	4	9	10	6
Cambridge U	8	1	0	7	6	17	3

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE. — Ards 4, Bangor 0; Ballymena 2, Carrick R 1; Coleraine 1, Portadown 2; Glentoran 2, Crusaders 2; Larne 1, Cliftonville 1; Linfield 3, Distillery 1; Newry T 3, Glenavon 3.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE. — Bristol C 3, Shepton Mallet 1; Bristol Manor Farm 1, Saltash 2; Dawlish 1, Melksham 0; Devizes 1, Barnstaple 1; Frome 0, Plymouth 0; Liskeard 0, Chard 1; Taunton 0, Weston-s-Mare 0. League Cup: Bideford 1, Minehead 0

DRYBOROUGH'S NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Billingham 1, South Bank 7; Bishop Auckland 7, North Shields 0; Ferryhill 0, Blyth 3; Peterlee 0, Whitley Bay 1; Shildon 0, Consett 2; Tow Law 2, Spennymoor 2; Whitby 0, Gretna 1.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE.—*Premier Division*: AP Leamington 1, Crawley 1; Alvechurch 1, Fareham T 1; Bedworth 1, Cheltenham 2; Chelmsford 1, King's Lynn 3; Fisher Ath 4, Corby 1; Gloucester 0, Gravesend 1; RS Southampton 0, Shepshed 1; Trowbridge 0, Folkestone 5; Welling Utd 0, Witney T 1; Willenhall 2, Hastings 0. Leading positions: 1, Willenhall 15; 2, Gloucester 13; 3, Cheltenham 13.

SOUTH-EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE. — Gillingham 3, Cambridge Utd 0; Ipswich 5, Arsenal 0; Millwall 0, West Ham 3; Orient 3, Watford 1; QPR 1, Southend 0; *Norwich 0, Chelsea 0.*

FOURTH DIVISION: Blackpool 1, Aldershot 0; Bury 2, Southend 0; Chester 2, Halifax 0; Chesterfield 0, Darlington 0; Hereford 3, Mansfield 0; Northampton 0, Scunthorpe 2; Port Vale 2, Crewe 0; Torquay 4, Wrexham 3; Tranmere 1, Hartlepool 2. Postponed: Colchester v. Exeter.

YESTERDAY

Swindon (1) 1 Mayes Peterborough (1) 1 Slack (4 010)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Hereford	9	7	1	1	15	3	22
Bury	9	6	2	1	17	8	20
Chesterfield	9	6	2	1	16	8	20
Peterborough	9	5	3	1	12	5	18
Colchester	8	4	3	1	17	12	15
Tranmere	9	5	0	4	15	11	15
Blackpool	9	4	3	2	13	9	15
Darlington	9	3	5	1	13	8	14
Hartlepool	9	4	2	3	12	13	14
Stockport	9	3	4	2	13	11	13
Port Vale	9	3	3	3	10	10	12
Chester	9	3	3	3	12	13	12
Swindon	9	3	3	3	12	13	12
Crewe	9	4	0	5	12	15	12
Southend	9	2	4	3	10	11	10
Torquay	9	2	4	3	10	13	10
Mansfield	9	2	3	4	7	9	9
Scunthorpe	9	2	2	5	16	17	8
Exeter	8	2	2	4	8	10	8
Aldershot	9	2	2	5	10	14	8
Wrexham	8	2	1	5	13	17	7
Rochdale	9	1	3	5	6	14	6
Halifax	8	2	0	6	3	14	6
Northampton	9	1	1	7	5	19	4

ENGLISH SCHOOLS. — Ipswich 3, East Norfolk 0; West Norfolk 0, Basildon 3; West Suffolk 4, Barking 0; Waltham Forest 5, Chelmsford 1; Newham 6, South Norfolk 2.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE. — Werder Bremen 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 3; Arminia Bielefeld 2, Schalke 1; Eintracht Brunswick 3, Hamburg 1; Cologne 1, Stuttgart 1; Bayern Munich 1, Waldhof Mannheim 2; Kaiserslautern 2, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Karlsruhe 1, Bochum 1; Bayer Uerdingen 5, Fortuna Duesseldorf 2; Borussia Dortmund 2, Bayer Leverkusen 1. Leading positions: 1, Bayern Munich 12pts; 2, Kaiserslautern 9; 3, Waldhof Mannheim 9.

ITALIAN LEAGUE.—Ascoli 0, Lazio 0; Cremonese 0, Avellino 0; Fiorentina 5, Atalanta 0; Inter Milan 0, Verona 0; Juventus 1, AC Milan 1; Napoli 2, Como 0; Roma 1, Sampdoria 1; Udinese 0, Torino 1. Leading positions: 1, Verona 7pts; 2, Fiorentina 6; 3, Torino 6.

DUTCH LEAGUE.—Haarlem 1, PSV Eindhoven 2; PEC Zwolle 0, Volendam 0; Twente Enschede 3, Roda Kerkrade 2; MVV Maastricht 0, Feyenoord 4; Sparta Rotterdam 1, Utrecht 0; Excelsior Rotterdam 3, Groningen 1; Ajax Amsterdam 7, GA Deventer 2; AZ Alkmaar 1, Den Bosch 1; NAC Breda 0, Fortuna Sittard 2. Leading positions: 1, PSV Eindhoven 14 pts; [illegible] Feyenoord 11.

SPANISH LEAGUE. — Hercules 2, Real Betis 2; Barcelona 7, Osasuna 0; Sporting 1, Espanol 0; Athletic Bilbao 0, Real Madrid 0; Sevilla 2, Real Zaragoza 1; Racing 2, Malaga 0; Atletico Madrid 2, *Real Murcia 1; Real Valladolid 1*, Elche 2

David Davies at St Nom la Breteche

Lyle pounces as Seve slips

GOLF

SEVERIANO BALLESTEROS was almost certain to win; Bernhard Langer quite possibly could win; and Eamonn Darcy had an outside chance. But not Sandy Lyle. Surely Lyle could not, from five behind an in-form Ballesteros overnight, take the Lancôme Trophy at the St Nom la Breteche course, near Paris, yesterday.

But he did, of course, in a sudden-death play-off that earned him £22,600 and took his winnings in Europe this year to all but £100,000.

He beat Ballesteros at the first extra hole, with a 10-foot birdie putt after the Spaniard had missed from four feet at the 17th and 10 feet at the 18th in the fourth round, when either putt would have given him the title.

Lyle won, moreover, with a radical change to his grip, the most difficult component of his game a player can attempt to change. Because he was not required for the Suntory World Matchplay Championship last week, the organisers preferring Corey Pavin, Lyle spent the week practising. He decided, on the simple principle of trying something different, to adopt the interlocking grip — as practised by Jack Nicklaus — rather than the Varden grip he has used for the last 15 years or so.

Lyle immediately found that the change eliminated the occasional moment when the club slipped or twisted in his hands, and also discovered that, for some reason, the irons from the seven to the wedge flew straighter. After yesterday's win, the method could be due for an extended trial.

Lyle, it must be said, played the whole day without the pressures attendant on Ballesteros. The Scot began badly, in fact, dropping a shot at the first and then missing a putt of no more than 18 inches at the fourth. These errors seemed to have a liberating effect, though, and Lyle went on to birdie seven of the next 14 holes.

The crucial birdie as it turned out, came at the long 17th, for which Lyle needed his best drive followed by a two iron. The ball pitched the middle of the green, but somehow shot off sharply to the right, to finish in a bunker past the pin.

Lyle then had a tricky shot out, which left him with an even trickier six-foot putt downhill. He holed it to go 10 under par, and thus secure, so we thought at the time, second place.

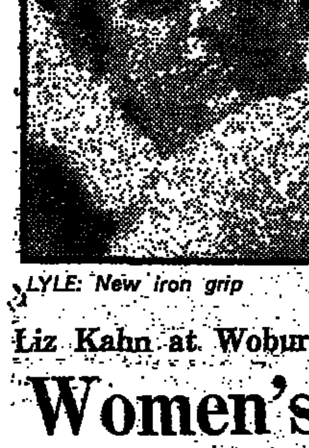
Lyle was in the second-last group, but it was over an hour before Ballesteros, in the last group, arrived at the 17th. He hit two shots on to the fringe of the green, and when he chipped to four feet his birdie putt looked a formality. Yet he missed it, and went on to miss the longer putt a the 18th.

That meant a play-off, and Lyle hit the shorter drive of the two. But his second finished 10 feet past the pin while Ballesteros, from the semi-rough, could get no closer than 25 feet.

The Spaniard's birdie putt never looked like going in, but Lyle was punching the air with his right fist while his own putt was still a foot from the hole.

The Lancome was his second victory of the season, after his Italian Open success, and gives him an outside chance of winning the Sperry Order of Merit in the next few weeks.

LANCOME TROPHY (St Nom la Breteche). —Final Scores (GB if not stated): 278—S. Lyle 74, 70, 67, 67; S. Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 66, 69, 72 (Lyle won at first extra hole). 279—I. Woosnam 75, 70, 69, 65. 280—E. Darcy (Ire) 67, 73, 68, 72. 281—J. Miller (US) 73, 70, 68, 70; B. Langer (W Ger) 70, 70, 68, 73. 285—B. Gallacher 70, 73, 70, 72. 286—D. Smyth (Ire) 73, 70, 70, 73; H. Clark 73, 68, 75, 70; J.-M. Canizares (Sp) 75, 70, 71, 70; C. Pavin (US) 71, 72, 70, 73. 287—S. Torrance 71, 68, 73, 75; G. Brand Snr 71, 68, 72, 76. 288—G. Brand Jnr 76, 71, 70, 71. 289—J. Rivero (Sp) 75, 71, 72, 71; M. Tapia (Fr) 75, 70, 73, 71; N. Faldo 74, 74, 71, 70; P. Teravainen (US) 73, 75, 68, 73. 290—M. James 73, 69, 73, 75.



LYLE: New iron grip

Liz Kahn at Woburn

Women's screen test

The future of the women's Hitachi British Open is in doubt, following BBC statements yesterday that they may discontinue television coverage after problems this year.

The BBC schedules were severely affected because players were taking five hours to get round as they struggled with the stormy weather and the toughness of the Duke's course. Television managed to screen precious little exciting golf.

Harold Anderson, executive director of BBC golf, said after the last round: "Not only were we very disappointed at the number of leading American players who were missing, but — because of the standard of golf and slowness of play — for 40 minutes during the third round we were forced to show players who were at least 12 over par and hopelessly out of contention. We are seriously considering our future involvement."

It was a huge bonus for Hitachi that a Japanese woman, Ayako Okamoto, won the championship by an astounding 11 shots to record a three-under-par total of 280. But the sponsors' joy must have been due in large measure to the fact that live television coverage was being beamed to Japan.

Hitachi's three-year commitment to sponsor the tournament, to the tune of £1.5 million, is only provisional. Yesterday Leslie Burrage, their marketing director, claimed they would continue sponsorship even without the benefit of television coverage. Yet only last year Hitachi refused to sponsor the championship — and the event was not held — citing the lack of television coverage.

Despite all the problems, thousands of spectators poured into Woburn during the week. It was also heartening that Dale Reid of Scotland held on in the final round to keep her second place and earn £13,000, the largest prize ever won by a British women's professional.

The Irish amateur, Mary McKenna, did wondrously well to take sixth place on 302.

HITACHI BRITISH WOMEN'S OPEN (Woburn). — Final Scores (British and Irish if not stated): 280—A. Okamoto (Jap) 71, 71, 70, 77 (£26,048). 300—D. Reid 72, 71, 81, 76; B. King (US) 75, 75, 76, 74 (£13,467 each). 301—J. Stephenson (Aus) 74, 74, 78, 75; P. Bradley (US) 75, 75, 73, 78 (£9,709 each). 302—M. McKenna (amat) 79, 76, 74, 73. 303—L. Rinker (US) 76, 78, 72, 77 (£6,532). 304—C. Marino (US) 80, 73, 79, 72; A. Alcott (US) 73, 76, 77, 78 (£4,758 each). 305—K. Whitworth (US) 77, 78, 77, 73 (£3,790). 306—L. Peterson (US) 77, 75, 81, 73; B. Lauer (US) 78, 72, 82, 74; M. Figueras-Dotti (Sp) 79, 71, 79, 77. 307—T. Hession (US) 80, 76, 78, 73; P. Pulz (US) 81, 76, 76, 74; D. Eggeling (US) 78, 77, 77, 75. 308—B. Pearson (US) 76, 75, 81, 76; J. Blalock (US) 77, 75, 80, 76; C. Charbonnier (Switz) 79, 76, 77, 76; P. Conley (US) 76, 76, 79, 77; D. Massey (US) 77, 79, 75, 77.

● Bob Shearer hit a fine four-under-par final round of 68 to win the South Australian Open at Kooyonga yesterday, after starting the day seven shots behind fellow-Australian Terry Gale.

Calvin Peete shot a four-under-par 66 to take a two-strke lead over Ron Streck after three rounds of the Texas Open in San Antonio on Saturday.

AUSTRALIAN OPEN (Kooyonga). — Final Scores (Australian if not stated): 286—B. Shearer 73, 70, 75, 68. 287—T. Gale 72, 69, 70, 76. 288—F. Nobilo (NZ) 72, 74, 72, 70. 289—B. Shaw 80, 69, 70, 70; R. Davis 72, 73, 68, 76. British: 294—M. Bembridge 74, 73, 73, 74.

NOW FOR THE BIG ONE . . . Alain Prost celebrates the win that kept his championship hopes alive

Maurice Hamilton at the Nuerburgring on the European Grand Prix

Prost and Lauda spin out their title duel

MOTOR RACING

ALAIN PROST did all that he could to prevent Niki Lauda from becoming world champion at the Nuerburgring yesterday when he led the European Grand Prix from start to finish and reduced the gap on his McLaren teammate to just 4½ points with one race remaining. Lauda took fourth place after an energetic drive from 15th place on the grid, the Austrian driver spinning on lap 22 while trying to pass slower cars.

Had the race been half a mile longer, Lauda would have finished second, since he would have passed the Ferrari of Michele Alboreto and Nelson Piquet's Brabham-BMW as they ran out of fuel. As it was, Alboreto snatched second place as Piquet stuttered towards the line, but the Ferrari then cut out completely almost allowing Piquet to retake the place within the last few yards.

Rene Arnoux's Ferrari took fifth place which at one stage looked like belonging to Nigel Mansell but the Renault engine on the Englishman's Lotus blew up spectacularly with 15 laps remaining and caused Mansell to spin off with the rear of the car on fire.

Mansell had made a slow start which turned out to be a blessing since he avoided an accident involving five cars at the first corner. None of the drivers was injured but the incident helped Lauda make up ground during the first lap, the McLaren crossing the line in ninth place. Lauda then moved up three places during the next five laps and latched on to a battle for fourth place between Derek Warwick's Renault and Alboreto.

Warwick, who had been forced to start with his spare car, withstood the pressure magnificently and it was Lauda who made a rare misjudgment when the trio tried to lap a battle for 17th place beteen the Osella of Jo Gartner and Mauro Baldi's Spirit.

Baldi let Warwick through on the approach to a corner and then took his line, an impolite if predictable move by the Italian. Alboreto managed to avoid the Spirit but Lauda, who was following closely, had to lock his brakes and spin the McLaren.

The spin caused a tyre imbalance which would affect Lauda in varying degrees for the rest of the race and he settled down, hoping for a finish in the points. Warwick's retirement with a broken exhaust moved Lauda up one place but there was nothing he could do about Prost's magestic performance at the front of the field.

ALBORETO: second place

The Frenchman had pulled away at the start from the Renault of Patrick Tambay—who retired on lap 47—and Piquet, and he was never in any difficulty even though he used the same car which had been damaged when he spun off during the warm-up practice session earlier in the day.

The nine points for his sixth win of the season means Prost will continue to dispute the championship with Lauda during the final round in Portugal on October 21. Prost needs to finish the race first or second, if he wins, Lauda must finish second to take the title and if Prost is second Lauda needs fifth place or better.

EUROPEAN GP (Nuerburgring). — 1, A. Prost (Fr) McLaren; 2, M. Alboreto (It) Ferrari; 3, N. Piquet (Braz) Brabham; 4, N. Lauda (Aut) McLaren; 5, R. Arnoux (Fr) Ferrari; 6, R. Patrese (It) Alfa Romeo; 7, A. de Cesaris (It) Ligier; 8, M. Baldi (It) Spirit; 9, T. Boutsen (Belg) Arrows; 10, F. Hesnault (Fr) Ligier; 11, D. Warwick (GB) Renault. World Championship Standings: 1, Lauda 66pts; 2, Prost 61½; 3, E. De Angelis (It) 29½; 4, Piquet 28; 5, Alboreto 27; 6, Arnoux 26½; 7, Warwick 23; 8, K. Rosberg (Fin) 20; 9, N. Mansell (GB) 13.

TENNIS

David Irvine at Telford

Top rank receive a lift

AT THE END of a depressing week, which often deepened the pall of gloom hanging over British tennis, the LTA had welcome relief at Telford yesterday when Colin Dowdeswell and Jo Durie confirmed their No. 1 positions in the national rankings by winning the singles titles in the Refuge Assurance Closed Championships.

Dowdeswell, who felt himself "a laughing stock" at the start of the tournament — the legacy of a disastrous year at international level — had the last laugh by beating Jeremy Bates 6-3, 7-5 for the men's title with an unaccustomed display of aggression. Meanwhile Durie went some way to arresting a decline in her form and confidence with a positive 6-4, 6-3 win over Anne Hobbs.

Whether the two can now capitalise on their new-found momentum — each has won five matches — when the return to the more exacting demands of the Grand Prix circuit (Dowdeswell in Basle, Durie in Stuttgart) remains to be seen.

Dowdeswell's success was perhaps the more significant. Though Durie has slipped 15 places in world terms this year, she still possesses a stronger and more expansive game than Hobbs, who arrived in Telford without a singles win since Wimbledon. Dowdeswell on the other hand was scarcely regarded as a safe bet to beat anyone.

At the US Open, where he took three games in three sets off John McEnroe, he was 'laid back' to the point of inertia. He seemed locked in on one tactical strategy and had reached an ebb where he looked a loser even before the knock-up was completed.

Telford, he said, had taught him that he had to be more aggressive. "I just have to work at it harder than most." By beefing up his serve, using his judgement and fighting for every point he looked a more competitive player.

It was typical of his new attitude that he should recover immediately after dropping his opening service game. Bates, winner of the Manchester tournament earlier in the year, played well and scored repeatedly with rasping backhand passes but Dowdeswell was sharp at the net and never allowed himself to become depressed. A double fault by Bates gave Dowdeswell the chance to serve out for the first set. In the second, though he was caught at 2-2 and 4-4, his cleverly blocked returns enabled him to regain the initiative and win.

Hobbs handicapped herself fatally by serving double faults, seven in the first set alone, and in a match which produced five breaks in the first set and six in the second Durie always looked the more secure.

Compared with the men's final it was an erratic contest without discernable pattern but it boiled excitingly at 2-1 in the second set — a game which produced 11 deuces and ended with Hobbs breaking back to level on her sixth break-point.

"I felt shattered after that game" said Durie, "and knew that, if I didn't break back straight away, I could be in dire trouble." In fact she broke superbly and later said that she felt her game had owed much to the fright she had been given by Annabel Croft in the semi-finals.

Durie, the defending champion, had been 1-5 down to the 18-year-old from Kent.

REFUGE BRITISH CLOSED CH'SHIPS (Telford).—Finals. Women: J. M. Durie (Avon) beat A. E. Hobbs (Chas) 6-4, 6-3. Men: C. Dowdeswell (Surrey) beat M. J. Bates (Surrey) 6-3, 7-5.
Mens' Doubles: N. Brown (Chas) and D. Felgate (Essex) beat M. Bates and J. Dier (Sussex) 5-7, 7-6, 6-3.

Top seed Mats Wilander became the only player to win the Spanish Open championship three years running when he beat fellow Swede Joakim Nystrom 7-6, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2 in the final in Barcelona yesterday.

SNOOKER

Clive Everton

Davis soon makes it a double

STEVE DAVIS, recipient of a £10,000 first prize from a Scottish whisky firm last month, took the £30,000 winner's cheque offered by an Irish whiskey distiller as he beat Tony Knowles 9-2 in their best-of-17 frames final of the Jameson International at Eldon Square Recreation Centre, in Newcastle, yesterday. He led 5-2 at the interval and rattled off the first four frames of the evening session.

Davis, who had dropped only six frames in his previous four matches, fell behind to Knowles's initial break of 47 but won a gripping opening frame of 44 minutes on the black and took the second too.

Knowles, winner of the title two years ago, made a break of 50 in running away with the third but Davis, trying for his third win in four years, was soon 4-1 with a clearance of 57 to the pink.

For Knowles this was a reversal of Saturday's trend when clearances or near clearances from behind of 64, 95 and 79 kept him to within one frame of Silvino Francisco at the interval of their semi-final before he ran to victory 9-6 with the four-frame winning streak which concluded the evening.

A clearance in the last frame of the afternoon yesterday would have been invaluable but, after he had won the sixth, Knowles squandered his chance of reaching 3-4 by leaving a single blue short of the pocket to present the world champion with perfect position for a yellow-to-pink sequence and 5-2.

FIXTURES

Soccer

(Kick-off 7.30 if not stated)

GOLA LEAGUE. — Nuneaton v. Kidderminster.

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE. — Hyde Utd v. Grantham.

BILL DELLOW CUP. — First Round: Corby v. VS Rugby; Hednesford v. Willenhall.

CENTRAL LEAGUE. — First Division: Newcastle v. Derby (7.0). Second Division: Leicester v. Oldham (7.0).

FA CUP. — Second Qualifying Round, Second Replays: Poole v. Witney (at Andover); Sudbury v. Wembley (7.45).

HITACHI CUP. — First Round: Bognor Regis v. Hayes; Croydon v. Bromley.

Paul Fitzpatrick—Hull Kingston Rovers 26, Hull 17

Rovers return in triumph

RUGBY LEAGUE

These are admittedly early days, but Hull Kingston Rovers look well equipped to retain the League championship after this marvellous victory over Hull before a crowd of 14,481 at Craven Park yesterday.

Rovers completed their fifth successive League win after appearing to be out of the contest by half-time. At that stage, Hull were leading 16-2 through tries by Evans—who interrupted a Mike Smith pass and ran 45 yards unimpeded to the posts—O'Hara, and three goals from Schofield.

Hull had been unable to win any possession from the scrums; but, with penalties running slightly in their favour, life had few problems. Yet the second half saw their composure shattered as Rovers retaliated with an endless succession of crippling blows. By the end, practically all signs of life had departed the corporate Hull body.

It is often difficult to find simple explanations for resurgences of this scale, but there was little doubt that Gordon Smith, vulnerable and uncertain in the first half, had much to do with it. The New Zealand scrum-half suddenly began to run with fresh vitality, and Rovers prospered.

Whereas Hull had scarcely missed a tackle in the first half, they now found it increasingly difficult to halt the forward rushes of Ema, Broadhurst and Mike Smith. With Gordon Smith darting, probing and setting up attack after attack, Hull's defences gradually submerged in the flood.

Kelly, from Gordon Smith's superb pass, started the Rovers' ascendancy with a try two minutes after the interval, and Lydiat's goal and a penalty 15 minutes later brought them back into contention at 10-16. A drop goal by Ah Kuoi three minutes later gave Hull their only respite of a tortured second half.

Prohm, following up his own beautifully - judged kick and snatching the ball away from Kemble's outstretched arms, maintained his record of scoring a try in every game so far. Then, in the final 10 minutes, with Rovers now unstoppable, Laws and Mike Smith, dragging himself free of three tacklers, scord further tries to complete an astonishing recovery.

It is hard to believe that a more exciting game will be played anywhere this season, and Kevin James, the Welsh Rugby Union B International who signed professional forms on Saturday, must quickly have appreciated the passion of Humberside rugby. He must also have realised that he has much to learn.

Hull Kingston Rovers: Lydiat; Clark, Hogan, Prohm, Laws; Hartley, G. Smith; Broadhurst, Watkinson, Ema, Burton, Kelly, M. Smith.
Hull: Kemble; James, Schofield, Evans, O'Hara; Ah Kuoi, Collinson (Topliss 49min); Edmonds (Rose 59min), Patrick, Crooks, Dannatt, Proctor, Norton.
Referee: J. Holdsworth (Kippax).

● Mal Meninga, St Helens' Australian international centre, got off to a flying start in his first game for the club, creating a try for winger Barrie Ledger after only four minutes, then scoring himself in the 31st minute as St Helens beat Castleford 30-16.

● Leeds had little difficulty in registering their first home win of the season after Widnes had had two forwards — Wood and Steve O'Neill — sent off in the first 33 minutes. At that point Leeds were in front 12-6, and eventully coasted to a 43-10 win.

● In the Second Division, the top three all maintained their 10 per cent records. Swinton beat Wakefield Trinity 23-10, Mansfield came back from behind to defeat Doncaster 23-12, and Whitehaven outclassed Blackpool 28-10. Southend Invicta beat Dewsbury 22-12 to record their first League Victory, while Sheffield Eagles gained their first away success, overcoming Batley 28-18.

Britain's injury list grows

HOCKEY

Great Britain, having lost a number of players from their Olympic bronze medal team already, suffered further setbacks this weekend. Both Games goalkeepers, Ian Taylor and Guy Pappin, were injured during their final training weekend before the Willesden international tournament in a fortnight. Neither was able to play at Lilleshall yesterday.

Taylor, who had an outstanding Olympics, suffered a recurrence of the thigh muscle injury he sustained at Los Angeles in a collision with team-mate James Duthie, and must now be doubtful for Willesden.

Britain found the opposition yesterday stronger than they might have expected, and the A team had to work hard for their 2-0 victory over Yorkshire, the county champions, and a 5-1 success over a Welsh XI.

The day started with Britain's B team being held to a goal-less draw by Worcestershire. Kenny Parkington nearly won the match for the Midlands champions with the last hit of the match.

Yorkshire, a much-changed side since winning the county title, fought doggedly to hold the A team to one early and one late goal. Britain looked particularly sharp, especially down the right, where Jon Potter, Shaw and Bhaura combined effectively.

Leman hit a rasping shot for the first goal, while Dougie Potter (Scotland), captain for the weekend, hit the second after following up a Craig penalty corner.

The introduction of Shaw in the second half of the afternoon game against a very promising young Welsh side revived a tiring British team.

The Welsh took the lead through Davies-Thomas, but Kerly equalised before the interval. Britain's other four goals, scored by Shaw, Kerly, Craig and Lewis, came in the last quarter.

TRAINING MATCHES (Lilleshall).—GB A 2, Yorkshire 0; GB A 5, Welsh XI 1; GB B 0, Worcs 0; Worcs 3, Yorks 3.

ATARI LONDON LEAGUE.—Premier Div: Dulwich 0, Slough 6; Hounslow 1, Tulse Hill 1. League: Blackheath 1, Spencer 1; Hampstead 1, 0 Kingstonians 1; Maidenhead 2, Surbiton 2; Mid-Surrey 0, Cheam 2; Richmond 3, Hawks 0; Teddington 2, Guildford 0.

Pat Rowley

OLYMPIC GAMES

John Rodda

Palmer set to regain the chair

Whoever wins the chairmanship of the British Olympic Association today, the competition may damage Britain in the field of international sports politics. Charles Palmer, who took over as temporary chairman when Sir Denis Follows died last year, is opposed by Mary Glen Haig, a member of the International Olympic Committee, and Sir Arthur Gold, president of the European Athletic Association.

Palmer is favourite to win, with every chance that Mrs Glen Haig will come third, which is a bad position for a member of the IOC to occupy in any contest within her own national Olympic committee. Sir Arthur, a conservative very much out of step with the commercial expansion going on within athletics, is overshadowed in European athletics by the influence of Primo Nebiolo, the Italian president of the international federation. Defeat for Gold will be welcomed by Nebiolo's supporters

There has always been a strong Royal influence in the association and Princess Anne is currently the president. There has been a suggestion that Mrs Glen Haig's nomination by the Equestrian Federation (and not her own, fencing) indicates displeasure with Palmer at Buckingham Palace; if that were so, they would probably have found a stronger candidate than Glen Haig.

Palmer was the man who ended the Etonian rule of the BOA in 1976. Up to then officers, like Lord Exeter and Lord Rupert Nevill, merely "emerged" in the style of the old Conservative Party. Palmer, by then the unlikely but powerful president of the International Judo Federation, went to Buckingham Palace — Nevill was the Duke of Edinburgh's treasurer — and argued forcibly for an injection of democracy.

He won the argument and four years later he was obliged to stand against Sir Denis Follows for the position of chairman — losing by one vote.

RESULTS

Tennis

INDOOR TOURNAMENT (Brisbane).—Singles Final: E. Teltscher (US) beat F. Gonzales (Para) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Doubles Final: Gonzales and M. Mitchell (US) beat W. Masur and B. Dyke (Aus) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5.

SPANISH OPEN (Barcelona).—Semi-finals: J. Nystrom (Swe) beat H. Schwaier (W Ger) 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; M. Wilander (Swe) beat H. Sundstrom (Swe) 0-6, 7-6, 6-1. Final: Wilander beat Nystrom 7-6, 6-4, 0-6, 6-2.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Manhattan Beach).—Semi-finals: C. Evert Lloyd (US) beat S. Hanika (W Ger) 6-3, 6-2; W. Turnbull (Aus) beat R. Fairbank (SA) 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT (Tokyo).—Final: E. Inoue (Jap) beat B. Herr (US) 6-0, 6-0.

LTA JUNIOR SERIES (Darlington).—Finals: Under-16: Boys: D. Sapsford (Surrey) beat S. Booth (Warwicks), 6-4, 6-0. Girls: S. McCarthy (Avon) beat T. Catlin (Cambs), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Rugby League

SATURDAY.—Second Division: Fulham 18, Carlisle 47.

YESTERDAY

SLALOM LAGER CHAMPIONSHIP

Barrow (2) 12, Oldham (18) 34. Barrow: Tries, McConnell, Hughes. Goals, Ball (2). Oldham: Tries, Foy (2), Goodway, Hawkyard, Vigo, Caffrey. Goals, Parrish (5). 4,100.

Bradford N (26) 72, Hunslet (6) 12. Bradford: Tries, Jasiewicz (2), Robinson (2), Rathbone, Fleming, Grayshon, Noble, Parker, Sheldon, Hanley, McGowan. Goals, Hanley (12). Hunslet: Tries, Banks, King. Goals, Brown (2). 4,256.

Featherstone R (16) 20, Wigan (10) 10. Featherstone: Tries, Bell, A. N. Other. Goals, Quinn (5). Drop, Fox (2). Wigan: Tries, Edwards, West. Goals, Whitfield (2). 3,514.

Hull KR (2) 26, Hull (16) 17. Hull KR: Tries, Kelly, Prohm, Laws, M. Smith. Goals, Lydiat (5). Hull: Tries, Evans, O'Hara. Goals, Schofield (4). Drop, Ah Kuoi. 14,481.

Leeds (18) 43, Widnes (6) 10. Leeds: Tries, Wilkinson (2), Laughton, Currie, Clark, Powell, Webb. Goals, Conway (5). Dick (2). Drop, Webb. Widnes: Tries, Platt, Currier. Goal, Platt. 6,780.

Leigh (20) 44, Workington T (8) 12. Leigh: Tries, Woods (3), Ainsworth, Clarke, Drummond (2). Goals, Woods (8). Workington: Tries, Beattie, Smith. Goals, Smith (2). 3,258.

St Helens (16) 30, Castleford (0) 16. St Helens: Tries, Meninga (2), Ledger, Peter, Wainwright, Day. Goals, Meninga (2), Day. Castleford: Tries, Coen, Bettye, Beardmore. Goals, Jones (2).

Warrington (15) 21, Halifax (4) 14. Warrington: Tries, Fieldhouse (2), Gregory. Goals, P. Ford (4). Drop, P. Ford. Halifax: McCallion, Ryan. Goals, Agar (3). 3,574.

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	6	6	0	0	158	48	12
Bradford N	6	5	0	1	185	78	10
Hull KR	5	5	0	0	150	61	10
Widnes	7	5	0	2	133	133	10
Halifax	5	3	0	2	117	91	6
Leeds	6	3	0	3	121	101	6
Leigh	7	3	0	4	168	152	6
St Helens	5	3	0	2	92	90	6
Barrow	5	3	0	2	123	148	6
Hull	5	2	0	3	131	74	4
Wigan	5	2	0	3	72	79	4
Warrington	5	2	0	3	78	94	4
Featherstone R	7	2	0	5	98	141	4
Castleford	5	1	0	4	64	95	2
Hunslet	6	0	0	6	112	250	0
Workington	5	0	0	5	40	194	0

SECOND DIVISION

Batley (8) 18, Sheffield E (0) 28. Batley: Tries, Gibson (3). Goals, Ferres (3). Sheffield: Tries, McDermott, Bridgeman, Gamson, Harris, Welsh. Goals, McDonald (4). 884.

Bridgend (1) 1, Rochdale H (8) 22. Bridgend: Drop, Hallett. Rochdale: Tries, Whitehead (2), Simpkin, Borgess. Goals, Platt (3).

Huddersfield (4) 10, York (8) 18. Huddersfield: Tries, George, Blacker. Goal, Thomas. York: Tries, Morrell (2), Tansley. Goals, Steadman (3). 1,028.

Keighley (8) 8, Bramley (3) 7. Keighley: Try, Kirk. Goals, Fairhurst (2). Bramley: Try, Walker. Goal, Kilner. Drop, Carroll. 832.

Mansfield M (10) 23, Doncaster (4) 12. Mansfield: Tries, Langton, Sanderson, Buckton, Nicholson. Goals, Sanderson (3). Drop, Sanderson. Doncaster: Try, Williams. Goals, Noble (4). 1,610.

Runcorn H (12) 16, Salford (8) 16. Runcorn: Tries, Garrity, Blythin. Goals, Wood (4). Salford: Tries, Williams (2), Stacey, Byrne. 1,000.

Southend I (18) 22, Dewsbury (2) 12. Southend: Tries, Cholmondeley, Elia (2), McCafferty. Goals, Noel (3). Dewsbury: Tries, Jennings, Moore. Goals, Dunford (2). 227.

Swinton (8) 23, Wakefield T (0) 10. Swinton: Tries, Johnson, Stapleton, Ratcliffe, Holliday. Goals, Rippon (3). Drop, Derbyshire. Wakefield: Tries, Rotherforth, Cocks. Goal, A. N. Other. 1,701.

Whitehaven (10) 28, Blackpool B (4) 10. Whitehaven: Tries, Gribbin, Dalton, Hall, O'Leary, Mackie. Goals, Gribben (4). Blackpool: Try, O'Loughlin. Goals, Turley (3). 1,800.

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Swinton	5	5	0	0	140	54	10
Mansfield	5	5	0	0	104	38	10
Whitehaven	5	5	0	0	88	42	10
York	5	4	0	1	136	72	8
Salford	5	3	1	1	137	59	7
Runcorn	6	3	1	2	97	121	7
Carlisle	4	3	0	1	74	59	6
Wakefield	5	3	0	2	91	77	6
Dewsbury	5	3	0	2	77	67	6
Sheffield	5	2	0	3	93	90	4
Bramley	5	2	0	3	69	67	4
Huddersfield	5	2	0	3	61	79	4
Keighley	5	2	0	3	63	90	4
Batley	5	1	0	4	90	122	2
Fulham	3	1	0	2	44	67	2
Doncaster	5	1	0	4	68	93	2
Southend	5	1	0	4	81	118	2
Rochdale	5	1	0	4	64	116	2
Blackpool	5	1	0	4	45	104	2
Bridgend	4	0	0	4	48	137	0

Sailing

12-METRE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Porto Cervo). — First Race: Victory '83 (It) beat Azzurra (It) 1min 4sec.

Shooting

AUTOMATIC BALL-TRAP TEAM MATCH (Kippen).—1, England 940; 2, Ireland 939; 3, Scotland 924; 4, Wales 919.

Rugby Union

SECOND TEST (Tokyo). — Japan 12, France 40.

TOUR MATCH (Cradock). — Eastern Cape Province 9, S. American Jaguars 19.

CURRIE CUP. — Final (Cape Town): Western Province 19, Natal 9.

Club Matches.—Abertillery 14, Plymouth Albion 16; Bath 37, Aberavon 16; Birkenhead Pk 6, West Hartlepool 12; Birmingham 13, Huddersfield 6; Blackheath 17, Wasps 32; Bridgwater 21, Cross Keys 22; Bristol 30, London Irish 4; Camborne 14, Redruth 3; Cambridge Univ. 82, Cambridge City 0; Cardiff 37, Newport 3; Clifton 6, Glamorgan Wdrs 26; Coventry 6, Leicester 38; Ebbw Vale 21, Bridgend 3; Exeter 10, Nottingham 26; Gloucester 22, Bedford 10; Gosforth 26, Fylde 10; Harlequins 10, Swansea 15; Harrogate 7, Middlesbrough 12; Headingley 22, Sheffield 13; Hull & E.R. 24, Vale of Lune 16; Liverpool 30, Broughton Park 3; Moseley 12, Sale 29; Neath 31, Llanelli 28; Newbridge 28, Saracens 21; Northampton 26, London Scottish 9; Nuneaton 25, Rugby 6; Pontypool 36, Maesteg 18; Pontypridd 34, Wakefield 16; Richmond 16, London Welsh 35; Rosslyn Pk 16, Orrell 32; Roundhay 19, Met Police 10; Wanderers 24, Waterloo 22.

SCHWEPPES SCOTTISH LEAGUE.—Division One: Ayre 13, Gala 19; Glasgow Acads 15, Heriot's F.P. 19; Hawick 23, Edinburgh Acads 6; Selkirk 12, Boroughmuir 14; Stewarts/Mel F.P. 17, Jedforest 15; Watsonians 31, Melrose 13; West of Scotland 9, Kelso 26.

NORTHERN CLUBS.—Blackburn 22, Littleborough 0; Colne & Nelson 9, West Park 12; Chester 17, Worcester 3; Davenport 20, Solihull 0; Lymm 29, Leigh 0; Preston Grasshoppers 9, Otley 10; Widnes 24, St Helens 3; Warrington 15, Aspull 12; Wigan 3, Stoke 10. Yesterday: Preston 10, West Hartlepool 15.

Cycling

TIME TRIALS.—Merseyside W Invitation 22: 1, D. Lloyd (Manchester W), 1 14.4; 2, D. Webster (Manchester W), 1-14.22. Condor RC (Stachead, 1,408 yds): 1, Webster, 3-55.6.

BLOIS-CHAVILLE CLASSIC (156 miles). — 1, S. Kelly (Ire), 6-00.46; 2, S. Rooks (Neth); 3, P. Gavazzi (It), same time.

Motor Racing

SILVERSTONE. — Marlboro British F3 C'ship: 1, J. Dumfries, Ralt RT3 VW.

Netball

SPORTSCARE NATIONAL LEAGUE.—Birmingham 44, Essex Met 32; Cheshire 27, Beds 32; Hants North 23, Herts 46; Northants 39, Suffolk 43.

Golf

TEXAS OPEN (San Antonio). — After Third Round (US if not stated): 200—C. Peete 67, 67, 66. 202—R. Streck 65, 68, 69. 203—J. Colbert 65, 65, 73; M. Reid 69, 69, 65. 204—B. Leitzke 67, 71, 66; J. Renner 70, 69, 65; K. Fergus 75, 64, 65; G. Powers 69, 69, 66. British: 210—K. Brown 71, 68, 71. 211—P. Oosterhuis 71, 72, 68.

JAPAN OPEN (Ranzan). — Final Scores (all Japanese): 283—K. Uehara 71, 68, 70, 74. 285—K. Suzuki 72, 74, 69, 70.

Squash Rackets

LANCASHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS (Prestwich).—Finals: Men: D. Pearson beat B. Watkins, 4-9, 8-10, 9-1, 9-2, 9-1. Women: A. Pilling beat A. Bostock, 9-6, 5-9, 2-9, 9-7, 9-3.

Speedway

LEAGUE CUP.—Final. First Leg: Cradley Heath 44 (Phil Collins 12, E. Gundersen 11, L. King 10), Belle Vue 34 (C. Morton 11). Golden Helmet. First Leg: Gundersen beat Peter Collins (Belle Vue), 2-0.

BRITISH LEAGUE.—Eastbourne 52, Halifax 26. Saturday: Bell Vue 44, Coventry 34; Halifax 42, Reading 36; Kings Lynn 37, Oxford 41; Swindon 32, Ipswich 46.

Boxing

EUROPEAN LIGHTWEIGHT C'SHIP (Frankfurt).—Rene Weller (W Ger, holder) beat George Feeney (GB), pts.

Road Running

NORTHERN SIX-STAGE RELAY (Kendal).—1, Salford, 1hr 57min 38sec; 2, Liverpool H, 1:58:13; 3, Gateshead, 1:58:42. Fastest lap: 1, K. Harrison (Stretford), 18:53; 2 equal, S. Kenyon (Salford) and N. Vengdasalam (Liverpool), 19:00.

TOUR OF PENDLE (17 miles): 1, D. Partridge (Bolton) 2:15:56; 2 S. Livesey (Ribble Valley), 2:17:41; 3, B. Ashworth (Rossendale), 2:18:46. Women: 1, P. Howarth (Kendal), 2:20:00.

Lacrosse

NORTHERN LEAGUE. — Cheadle 22, 0 Stopfordians 4; Stockport 24, Timperley 4; Heaton Mersey 18, Sheffield 14; Sale 11, 0 Hulmeians 12; Mellor 25, Sheffield Univ 7; 0 Waconians 6, S Manchester & Wyth 8.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE. — Calthorpe 12, Buckhurst Hill 14; Chipstead 9, Beckenham 10; Hampstead 15, Purley 10; Kenton 5, Hillcroft 12.

Sculling

WALLINGFORD LONG DISTANCE.—1, G. Jones (Isis) 16-16 (Senior A prize); 2, M. Diserens (Wallingford) 16-20 (Lite prize).

Baseball

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES. — National League: San Diego 7, Chicago Cubs 5 (best-of-five series tied 2-2). American League: Detroit 1, Kansas City 0 (Detroit win series 3-0).

Badminton

BELL'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Perth). — Finals: Men: L. Pongoh (Indo) beat D. Hall 15-4, 15-13. Women: G. Martin beat F. Elliott 11-9, 11-5.

Men's Doubles: W. Gilliland and D. Travers beat B. Ertanto and H. Yusif (Indo) 15-8, 15-5. Women's Doubles: G. Gowers and H. Troke beat S. Podger and K. Chapman 15-6, 3-15, 18-14. Mixed Doubles: Gilliland and Chapman beat N. Tier and Gowers 17-16, 15-13.

Hockey

SCOTTISH BREWERS NATIONAL LEAGUE. —Gordonians 8, Watsonians 1; Edinburgh CS 3, Grange 0; Hazlehead 1, Dundee Wanderers 1; Menzieshill 1, Perthshire 1.

YESTERDAY

COUNTY MATCH.—Gloucs 2, Bucks 2.

Equestrianism

WEMBLEY.—Baileys Champion Horseman: 1, N. Skelton, 0 faults; 2 equal, G. Wiltfang (W Ger) and J. Whitaker, 4; 4, J. Germany, 31.

Volleyball

FIRST DIVISION.—Brookfield 1, Liverpool 3; Mizuno 3, Leeds 0; Poole 1, Manchester 3; Speedwell 3, Spark Cl 1; Capital City 3, Leeds 1; Redwood 2, Manchester 3.

SPORT IN BRIEF

CRICKET: England are to play in the Rothmans Trophy fournations tournament in Sharjah at the end of March, against teams from Australia, India and Pakistan.

The competition is the brainchild of local millionaire Abdulrahman Bukhatir, a cricket-loving Arab who staged the first Asia Cup between India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka in April.

CYCLING: Sean Kelly won the 249km Blois-Chaville classic in a massive final sprint yesterday, the Irishman's 31st victory of the season. "Now I'm going to take part in the Tour of Lombardy (next Saturday) and try to do as well," Kelly said afterwards.

SOCCER: Swindon had Chris Ramsey sent off in a hard-fought 1-1 draw with Peterborough at the County Ground yesterday. It was the second time in eight games that Ramsey, on loan from Brighton, had been dismissed. Swindon went ahead in the 20th minute, with Alan Mayes's seventh goal of the season, but Peterborough equalised through Trevor Slack in the 35th.

Doncaster Rovers' defence hesitated in the second half and Rotherham's Tony Simmons ran on unopposed to score the only goal in their South Yorkshire derby at Belle Vue yesterday. Doncaster had the best scoring chances, Nimms twice denying Glynn Snodin, but tenacious Rotherham did enough to take fifth place from Rovers.

LEADING LEAGUE AND CUP SCORERS — First Division: Falco (Tottenham) 11, Bannister (QPR) 10, Gates (Ipswich) and Davenport (Nottingham Forest) 7. Second Division: Aldridge (Oxford) and Stevens (Shrewsbury) 9, Hales (Charlton) 8, Edwards (Sheffield Utd), Garner (Blackburn), Thompson (Blackburn), and Wright (Leeds) 7. Third Division: Wilson (Derby) 13, Neal (Millwall), Randall (Bristol Rovers) and Walwyn (York) 8. Fourth Division: Adcock (Colchester) and Clayton (Tranmere) 9, Phillips (Hereford) and Steel (Wrexham) 7.

Basketball

NATIONAL LEAGUE.—First Division: Bolton 88, Doncaster 92; Solent 111, Worthing 95; Bracknell 75, Manchester 74; Kingston 93, Leicester 103; Birmingham 107, Telford 83; Warrington & Liverpool 85, Hemel & Watford 70; Sunderland 90, Crystal Palace 91. Second Division: Sandwell 73, Tyneside 111; Stoke 73, Tower Hamlets 71; Derby 93, Plymouth 87; Uxbridge 80, Swindon 59. Women: Enfield 76, Solent 71; Kingston 74, Nottingham 78; Manchester 66, Northampton 63.

TELEVISION

BBC-1

6 0 am Ceefax. 6 30 Breakfast Time. 9 0 Election USA. The Reagan-Mondale Debate. 10 30 Play School. 10 50 Gardeners' World. 11 15 Pages from Ceefax. 12 30 pm News after Noon. 12 57 Regional News (except London). 1 0 Pebble Mill at One. 1 45 Pigeon Street. 2 0 The World of Cooking: Hong Kong. 2 25 See Hear! 2 50 In the Making: Painting. 3 10 Songs of Praise. 3 48 Regional News (except London and Scotland). 3 50 Play School. 4 10 The Hunter. 4 15 Beat the Teacher. 4 30 Dungeons and Dragons. 4 50 John Craven's Newsround. 5 0 Blue Peter: Ceefax sub-titles. 5 30 Ask the Family. 5 58 Weather.

6 0 **SIX O'CLOCK NEWS.**

6 30 **REGIONAL NEWS MAGAZINES.**

6 55 **HARTY.** Russell H. with a piquant mixture of guests: Barbara Cartland. Ken Livingstone, Alison Moyet. and the new pairing of Georgie Fame and Patti Boulaye.

7 40 **GET SET GO!** More fast-talking fun as Michael Barrymore hosts another round of the word game.

8 10 **PANORAMA:** Thatcher's Revolution — What Next? As the faithful gather in Brighton, Michael Cockerell asks whether the past five years of Tory rule have changed the face of British politics: what the next few years are likely to hold, and how well placed the party is to face them. In the studio. Trade and Industry Secretary Norman Tebbitt is interviewed live by Fred Emery.

9 0 **NEWS:** weather.

9 25 **THE AMSTERDAM KILL.** Former narcotics agent Robert Mitchum comes out of enforced retirement to combat warring drugs syndicates, in tolerable international thriller made in 1977 by Robert Clouse, with Bradford Dillman. Peter Egan. This is its first British TV showing.

10 55 **FILM 84.** Barry Norman with another movie round-up. including the last television interview given by the late Richard Burton on the set of the newly-released 1984. Also reviews of Once Upon A Time in America. Sergio Leone's sprawling saga: of Moscow on the Hudson, with Robin Williams as a defecting Russian saxophonist, and of Cal, the Ulster-set story of doomed lovers starring Helen Mirren and newcomer John Lynch.

11 23 **NEWS HEADLINES.**

11 25 **SPARKS.** 1: The Crowdpullers. Starting a repeat showing of the cheerful series about bright youngsters who are succeeding against the tide of the times.

11 50 Weather: close.

Wales: 5 30 Interval. 5 35-5 58 Wales Today. 6 30-6 55 Grange Hill.
Scotland: 10 50-11 15 am Giona Gorbd. 12 0-12 30 pm The Beechgrove Garden. 6 55 Cartoon. 7 5-7 40 Open to Question.

BBC-2

7 45-8 10 am Open University. 9 0 Pages from Ceefax. 9 15-3 0 pm Daytime on Two: Job Bank; 9 38 Going to Work; 10 0 You and Me: 10 15 Music Time; 10 38 British Social History: 11 0 Zig Zag: 11 23 Thinkabout; 11 42 General Studies; 12 10 pm 16 Up Selection: 12 35 On the Rocks; 1 0 Wheels of Fire; 1 30 Pages from Ceefax; 1 38 Scotland this Century; 2 0 Words and Pictures; 2 18 Exploring Science; 2 40 The Music Arcade. 3 0 Dallas. Ceefax sub-titles. 3 45 Film: The Sun Shines Bright. 5 15 Cartoon.

5 25 **NEWS** with sub-titles; weather.

5 30 **THE DOG SHOW:** Dennis McCarthy with the last edition of the series, meeting hairless dogs, service dogs, and a pair of waterlogged Old English Sheepdogs.

6 0 **KING'S RHAPSODY.** Latest movie in the Anna Neagle season is the 1944 musical romance based on Ivor Novello with Dame Anna as the very ladylike mistress of a Ruritanian princeling (Errol Flynn, past his best) who is forced into a marriage of convenience with Princess Patrice Wymore.

7 30 **TRELOAR'S NAVY.** From BBC North East. a film recording the voyage of a small fleet of steam tugs on their way to a new steamboat museum.

8 0 **TO THE MANOR BORN.** Another re-run episode of Peter Spence's classic sitcom. with Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles as the grande dame and the grocer.

8 30 **BOOTLE SADDLES.** Only the Stars and the Wind. Kenneth Cope as Percy "Jesse" James, leading his wild Western band on more exploits in the badlands of Lancashire, as the off-beat comedy series rides on.

9 0 **KELLY MONTEITH.** Yet another kind of humour, with our amiable media person now the subject of gutter press attention.

9 30 **THE LION AND THE DRAGON:** The British in China 1920-1939. Shanghai, between the wars was a modern, sophisticated city known as the Paris of the East: there Western businessmen and their wives could enjoy chic cafe society. while British sailors could sample the exotic delights of a bustling seaport. In this documentary. first of a pair, British men and women recall their lives in a vanished China.

10 15 **JACK HIGH.** Opening day coverage of the Gateway Masters, the world's top invitation bowling tourney, now into its seventh season at Worthing.

10 45 **NEWSNIGHT.** With news, interviews. analysis, special reports, weather, sport.

11 35 **CLOSE.**

ITV London

6 25 am Good Morning Britain. 9 30 Schools: Picture Box; 9 47 Let's Read . . . with Basil Brush; 9 59 Stop, Look, Listen; 10 12 Starting Science; 10 32 The English Programme; 11 2 Seeing and Doing; 11 20 Junior Maths; 11 38 The French Programme. 12 0 Flicks. 12 10 pm Let's Pretend. 12 30 Do It Herself. 1 0 News. 1 20 Thames News. 1 30 Film: Moon Zero Two. 3 25 News. 3 30 The Young Doctors. 4 0 Flicks. 4 15 Towser. 4 20 He-Man and Masters of the Universe. 4 40 Educating Marmalade. Oracle sub-titles. 5 0 Dangermouse. 5 15 Emmerdale Farm.

5 45 **NEWS:** weather.

6 0 **THAMES NEWS** with Tina Jenkins.

6 25 **HELP!** Community action with Viv Taylor Gee.

6 35 **CROSSROADS.**

7 0 **THE KRYPTON FACTOR.** Gordon Burns with the second semi-final of the contest for the fast, fit and quick-witted. Oracle sub-titles.

7 30 **CORONATION STREET.** Oracle sub-titles.

8 0 **TRIPPER'S DAY:** Games People Play. Leonard Rossiter as the supermarket manager of the downmarket sitcom, now discovering that the store's bingo game is going to be very lucky for some — in fact for all, what with all the cards carrying winning numbers. Oracle sub-titles.

8 30 **WORLD IN ACTION:** Football's Mr Fixit. Anton Johnson, former pop singer and night club owner, has connections with a number of football clubs — Rotherham, Derby County, Southend United. The Granada programme alleges that his involvements were not always in accordance with Football League rules, and includes film of an extraordinary general meeting at Southend.

9 0 **QUINCY:** The Face Of Fear. Jack Klugman as the forensic investigator, called in on the case of the agoraphobia sufferer who swears she's seen a murder, even if the police don't believe her.

10 0 **NEWS AT TEN:** weather.

10 30 **CHILD'S PLAY.** Mary Crosby, Nicholas Clay lead a thriller in the Hammer House Of Mystery And Suspense slot, as a couple who wake up in the middle of the night to find that the view from the windows has changed.

11 55 **THE BOUNDER.** Peter Bowles as the charming con-man in re-run episode of the hit YTV sitcom.

12 25 **NIGHT THOUGHTS** with Sister Jean Robinson. Closedown.

Channel 4

3 30 **THE UNITED STATES ELECTION DEBATE.** US heavyweight title holder R. Reagan is challenged by W. Mondale over several rounds — employment, inflation, interest rates, etc — at Louisville, Kentucky.

5 0 **ALICE.** Linda Lavin as the Phoenix waitress in another helping of American comedy.

5 30 **ABBOTT AND COSTELLO:** Cheapskates. Comedy with Bud and Lou.

6 0 **WELL BEING:** Tearing Off The Labels. In the final programme of the repeated series. Pam Armstrong and Dr Simon Smail ask whether we are too ready to dismiss youngsters as "disturbed" or "delinquent." What does it do to them to be labelled like that? Would the labels be better applied to the environment to which young people may in fact be reacting quite sanely?

6 40 **LET'S PARLEZ FRANGLAIS.** More portmanteau occasions with Miles Kington and copains, including Nerys Hughes, Tim Brooke-Taylor, Lynn Seymour, in the last linguistic session of the series.

7 0 **CHANNEL FOUR NEWS.** 7 50 Comment. By Sir Peter Parker, these days chairman of the Rockware Group.

8 0 **BROOKSIDE.**

8 30 **CHANCE IN A MILLION:** Man Of Iron. More comic misunderstandings with coincidence-prone Tom Chance (Simon Callow) and his friend Alison (Brenda Blethyn).

9 0 **A FRAGMENT OF MEMORY.** The start of a new university year is the cue for a film about university life in the past, as recalled through contemporary film and photographs by film-maker Michael Orrom. He was at Cambridge in the late 30s: the era forever associated with the Apostles, but a time too when many other young idealists were caught up in the political and cultural upheavals of the day. Contemporaries appearing include Eric Hobsbawm, Lucian Freud, John Maynard Smith.

10 0 **ST ELSEWHERE:** All About Eve. More headaches and heart ops for the Boston hospital staff and patients.

11 0 **RETURN TO VIENNA.** Showing in the Eleventh Hour slot, a 1983 film in which Franz West tells about his life in the Jewish community of between-the-wars Vienna. 12 40 Close.

S4C: 2 0 pm Ffenestri. 2 20 Yr Efeilliaid. 2 35 Daearyddiaeth. 2 55 Egwyl. 3 15 US Election Debate. 4 50 Cadwgan. 5 0 Pictiwrs Bach. 5 5 Ysgoloriaeth. 5 35 High Band. 6 30 Fo a Fe. 7 0 Newyddion Saith. 7 30 Penigamp. 8 0 Upstairs, Downstairs. 9 0 Minafon. 9 45 Y Byd ar Bedwar. 10 15 A Frame with Davis. 10 45 Food for Thought. 11 20 The Listening Eye. 11 50 Diwedd.

Anglia

6 25 As London. 1 20 Anglia News. 1 30 Film: Ski Lift to Death. 3 25 As London. 6 0 About Anglia. 6 30 Survival. 7 0 As London. 10 30 Anglia Reports Special. 11 0 Casablanca. 12 0 Mysteries, Myths and Legends. 12 30 Reflection.

Central

6 25 As London. 1 20 Central News. 1 30 Film. Payroll. 3 25 As London. 5 15 Blockbusters. 5 45 News. 6 0 Central News. 7 0 As London. 10 35 Venture. 11 5 The Yellow Rose. 12 5 Contact. 12 25 Close.

Channel

6 25 As London. 1 20 Channel News. 1 30 Bygones. 2 0 Film: White Witch Doctor. 3 57 Puffin's Plaifice. 4 0 As London. 6 0 Channel Report. 6 30 Gardens for All. 7 0 As London. 10 34 Black Butter Jazz Band. 10 40 Hammer House of Murder and Suspense. 12 0 News and weather in French: close.

Granada

6 25 As London. 1 20 Granada Reports. 1 30 We'll Meet Again. 2 30 Scramble! 3 25 Granada Reports News. 3 30 The Protectors. 4 0 As London. 5 15 Blockbusters. 5 45 News. 6 0 Sons and Daughters. 6 30 Granada Reports. 7 0 As London. 10 30 Benson. 11 0 The Week Tonight. 11 45 Legmen. 12 45 Close.

HTV

6 25 As London. 1 20 HTV News. 1 30 Film: Bunny Lake is Missing. 3 30 As London. 5 15 Blockbusters. 5 45 News. 6 0 HTV News. 7 0 As London. 10 30 The River Parrett. 11 0 The Streets of San Francisco. 12 0 Gary Burton. 12 30 Weather: close.

Wales: As West except: 6 0 pm Wales at Six. 10 30 Crown Green Bowls. 11 30 The Streets of San Francisco.

South

6 25 As London. 1 20 TVS News. 1 30 Afternoon Club. 1 32 Film: And I Alone Survived. 3 15 Afternoon Club. 3 27 Take the High Road. 4 0 As London. 5 15 Sons and Daughters. 5 45 News. 6 0 Coast to Coast. 6 40 Airmail. 7 0 As London. 10 30 Film: Hound of the Baskervilles. 12 5 Company: close.

South-West

6 25 As London. 1 20 TSW News. 1 30 Bygones. 2 0 Film: White Witch Doctor. 3 57 Gus Honeybun's Magic Birthdays. 4 0 As London. 6 0 Today South-west. 6 30 Gardens for All. 7 0 As London. 10 35 Postscript. 10 40 Hammer House of Mystery and Suspense. 12 0 Postscript: close.

Tyne-Tees

6 25 As London. 1 20 North-East News; Look-around. 1 30 Film: Sleeping Car to Trieste. 3 20 Cartoon Time. 3 25 As London. 5 15 Blockbusters. 5 45 News. 6 2 The Kop and the Kid. 6 30 Northern Life. 7 0 As London. 10 32 Strategy for the North. 11 45 Hill Street Blues. 12 45 Memory Lane: close.

Yorkshire

6 25 As London. 1 20 Calendar News. 1 30 Film: The Man in the Iron Mask. 3 25 News Headlines. 3 30 A Country Practice. 4 0 As London. 5 15 Blockbusters. 5 45 News. 6 0 Calendar. 6 30 Star Choice. 7 0 As London. 10 30 One Lap to Go. 11 0 Prisoner: Cell Block H. 12 0 Close.

RADIO

Radio 1

6 0 am Adrian John. 7 0 Mike Read. 9 0 Simon Bates. 12 0 noon Gary Davies. 2 30 pm Steve Wright. 5 0 Bruno Brookes. 7 30 Janice Long. 10 0-12 0 John Peel.

Radio 2

4 0 am Martin Kelner. 5 30 Ray Moore. 7 30 Terry Wogan. 10 0 Jimmy Young. 12 0 noon Colin Berry. 2 0 pm Gloria Hunniford. 3 30 Music All The Way. 4 0 David Hamilton. 6 0 John Dunn. 8 0 Alan Dell: Dance. Band Days and Big Band Era. 9 0 Humphrey Lyttelton. 10 0 Don't Stop Now — It's Fundation (6). 10 30 Star Sound. 11 0 Bernard Falk. 1 0 am David Bellan. 3 0-4 0 Folk on 2.

Radio 3

6 55 Weather: News.
7 5 Morning Concert.
9 0 News: This Week's Composer: Martinu, the last years. Saltarello (Brno State PO/Frantisek Jilek): Cowslip from settings of Moravian folk songs (Czech Chorus, cond. Josef Veselka): Piano Sonata (Radoslav Kvapil): Les fresques de Piero della Francesca (Prague RSO/Mackerras).
10 0 Rachmaninov. Series of recitals in which Howard Shelley plays the complete solo piano works: Thirteen Preludes Op. 32.
10 45 The Mannheim School: Johann Stamitz: Symphony in D Op. 7 No. 6 (Prague Chamber Orch.); F. X. Richter: Concerto in E minor (Aurele Nicolet, flute, Camerata Bern/Thomas Furi).
11 20 Brahms, Poulenc and Herbert Howells. Deborah Rees (sop.). Sheelagh Gallwey (piano). Brahms (Der Schmied: Bei dir sind meine Gedanken: An die Nachtigall: Meine Liebe ist grun: Das Madchen spricht): Poulenc (La courte paille): Herbert Howells (Girl's song: Gavotte: Under the Greenwood Tree).
11 55 Bush (Violin Concerto) and Bax (Spring Fire). Manoug Parikian (violin). BBC SO/Norman Del Mar.
1 0 News: Music for Clarinet and Piano (Jack Brymer and David Lloyd). Three Fantasy Pieces by Schumann: Hindemith Sonata: Sonatina by Horovitz.
2 0 Music Weekly: Papal Choir in the 16th Century: Victorian critic J. W. Davison; Charles Ives songs.
2 45 New Records: Bizet L'Arlesienne Suite (Paris Orch./Ozawa): Schubert Fantasy in C (Lydia Artimiw, piano): Vaughan Williams' On Wenlock Edge (Robert Tear/CBSO/Rattle): Berg Violin Concerto (Kyung Wha Chung/Chicago SO/Solti): Bach Preludes and Fugues from The Well-Tempered Clavier (Kenneth Gilbert, harpsichord): Mozart Missa Solemnis in C (Choir of Kings College, Cambridge / ECO / Stephen Cleobury).
4 55 News: Mainly for Pleasure.
6 30 Music for Organ (Christopher Bowers-Broadbent): Schumann (Six Fugues on Bach, Op 60).
7 5 John Lill (piano): Mozart Sonata in D: Schumann's Carnaval.
7 55 India: Cutting the Knot. Talk on the end of British rule in India and the creation of Pakistan.
8 15 John Lill. Part 2: Chopin Ballade No. 4: Prokofiev Sonata No. 8.
9 0 BBC Welsh SO, cond. Owain Arwel Hughes, David Cowley (oboe). Hoddinott's Scenes from The Trumpet Major: Adrian Beaumont's Oboe Concerto: (9 35 Interval): Jeffrey Lewis' Praeludium for orchestra: Robert Swain's NGC 5128 "In Centaurus"; Timothy Taylor's Scherzi.
10 30 Jazz Today: Onward International.
11 15 News.

Radio 4

5 55 Shipping forecast.
6 0 News Briefing.
6 10 Farming Week.
6 25 Prayer for the Day.
6 30 Today including 7 0, 8 0 News.
8 35 The Week on 4.
8 43 The Awakening, by Kate Chopin. Serial reading (1).
9 0 News: Start the Week with Richard Baker from Belfast.
10 0 Money Box: 1984-85 Unit Trust Managers' Portfolio.
10 30 Morning Story: Alice and the Jogging Plumber, by Fred Urquhart.
10 45 Daily Service.
11 0 Down Your Way visits Penrith.
11 48 Poetry Please!
12 0 You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12 27 Around the World in 25 Years. Johnny Morris recalls jaunts in Greece.
1 0 The World at One: News.
1 40 The Archers.
2 0 Woman's Hour among the extras at the filming of 1984.
3 0 The Afternoon Play: Maigret and the Millionaires, by Georges Simenon. Classic French whodunnit.
4 17 A Sense of Theatre. Patrick Garland discusses his personal sense of theatre.
4 40 Story Time: Stepping Westward, by Malcolm Bradbury (11).
5 0 PM. News magazine.
6 0 The Six O'Clock News.
6 30 Quote . . . Unquote. Panel game.
7 0 News: The Archers.
7 20 Science Now. Weekly lab report.
7 50 The Monday Play: The Long March, by Anne Devlin. Helen remembers the heady days of protest in Northern Ireland in the 60s — but Belfast, ten years on, is a very different place.
9 35 Kaleidoscope: Arts magazine — including a report from the Frankfurt Book Fair.
10 15 A Book at Bedtime: I Heard the Owl Call My Name, by Margaret Craven (1).
10 30 The World Tonight.
11 15 The Financial World Tonight.
11 30 Music at Night: Mendelssohn's songs without words played by Walter Gieseking.
12 0 News: weather.
12 33 shipping forecast.

VHF: 11 0 - 12 0 Schools. 1 55 pm Listening Corner. 2 5 - 3 0 Schools. 11 0 - 11 30 Study on 4. 12 30 - 1.10 am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting.

Wales (340m): 4 0 am As Radio 2. 6 10 Farming Week. 6 25 AM. 9 30 Mike Flynn. 11 3 Alun Williams. 12 30 pm Meet for Lunch. 1 40 As Radio 4. 1 55 Catchphrase 1. 2 2 As Radio 4. 3 3 American Roundabout. 4 0 Four-Five-Six. 6 0 As Radio 4. 7 0 Catchphrase 2. 7 5 As Radio 4. 9 35 On Show. 10 5 Folk on Monday. 11 2-4 0 am As Radio 2. Cymru (VHF): 5 55 am Weather. 6 0 Gweler. Radio 4. 6 25 Helo Bobol. 9 5 Brecwast Hwyr. 9 45 Gwynfyd. 10 30 Troi yn y Bedd. 11 0 Newyddion Da. 11 10 Ysgolion. 11 30 Stondin Ddydiol. 12 30 pm Arwyr. 1 0 Ar Yr Awr. 1 20 Garddio. 1 50 O Glawr I Glawr. 2 0 Ysgolion. 3 30 Afternoon Theatre. 4 45 Egwyl. 5 0 Post Prynhawn. 6 0 Gweler Radio 4. 7 0 Gweler Wales. 7 5 Gweler Radio 4. 9 35 Egwyl. 9 45 Firesqo. 10 15 Newyddion. Sioe Fideo Radio Cymru. 11 30 Gweler Radio 4. 12 30-1 10 am Schools Night-time Broadcasting.

Scotland (370m): 6 0 am As Radio 4. 6 30 Good Morning Scotland. 8 45 Jimmy Mack. 11 3 Macgregor's Gathering. 12 5 pm In The Country. 12 30 Lunchtime Report. 1 0 As Radio 4. 1 40 Options. 2 3 Ken Bruce. 5 0 Good Evening Scotland. 6 0 News: Prospect. 6 35 Tell Me More. 7 2 Farming News. 7 20 The Musician in Scotland. 8 2 Travelling Folk. 10 0 News: Tom Ferrie. 12 0 Close: As Radio 4.

World Service

BBC World Service can be received in Western Europe on medium wave 648 kHz (463m) at the following times GMT:
6 0 am Newsdesk. 7 0 News. 7 9 Twenty Four Hours. 7 30 Sarah and Company. 8 0 News. 8 9 Reflections. 8 15 Nineteen Eighty-four. 8 30 Anything Goes. 9 0 News. 9 9 British Press Review. 9 15 Waveguide. 9 25 Good Books. 9 40 Look Ahead. 9 45 Peebles' Choice. 10 1 Science in Action. 11 0 News. 11 9 News About Britain. 11 15 Gemini to Jo'burg. 12 0 noon Radio Newsreel. 12 15 pm Brain of Britain 1984. 12 45 Sports Roundup. 1 0 News. 1 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 1 30 Modern Masterpiece. 2 0 Outlook. 2 45 Persona Grata. 3 0 Radio Newsreel. 3 15 A Word in Edgeways. 3 45 Music in the Age of Chivalry. 4 0 News. 4 9 Commentary. 4 15 Hot Air. 4 30 Letter from Chad. 4 45 The World Today. 5 0 News. 5 9 Book Choice. 5 15 My Music. 8 0 News. 8 9 Twenty-Four Hours. 9 15 Gemini to Jo'burg. 9 30 Rock Salad. 10 0 News. 10 9 The World Today. 10 25 Book Choice. 10 30 Financial News. 10 40 Reflections. 10 45 Sports Roundup. 11 0 News. 11 9 Commentary. 11 15 Hot Air. 11 30 Brain of Britain 1984. 12 0 midnight News. 12 9 am News About Britain. 12 15 Radio Newsreel. 12 30 Sarah and Company. 1 0 Outlook. 1 30 Short Story. 1 45 Roots and Branches. 2 0 News. 2 9 British Press Review. 2 15 Network U.K. 2 30 Sports International. 3 0 News. 3 9 News About Britain. 3 15 The World Today. 3 30 John Peel. 4 0 Newsdesk. 4 30 Incredible Floutists. 5 45 The World Today.

WAVELENGTHS: Radio 4—1,500m (200kHz). London only 417m (720kHz). VHF: Radio 3—247m (1,215kHz). VHF: Radio 2—433m (693kHz), 330m (909kHz). VHF: Radio 1—285m (1,053kHz), 275m (1,089kHz).

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THEATRES

London

ALBERY. 836 3878. CC 379 6565/379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123/836 3962/379 7179. Evgs. 8 Thurs. Mat 3 0 Sat 5 0 & 7.15. "OH BOY WHAT A HOOT" (P. O'Neill Daily Mail) "A RAPTUROUS WELCOME BACK" BBC for Sandy Wilson's Wondrous Musical Mail on Sunday THE BOY FRIEND ANNA QUAYLE DEREK WARING PETER BAYLISS PADDIE O'NEIL "Blissfully Funny" Times "A RIPPING SHOW" Daily Telegraph

ALDWYCH THEATRE. 836 6404/836 0641 CC 379 6233 Group Sales 930 6123 Mon-Fri 8 0 Mat Wed 3.0 Sat 5 0 and 8 30. ROWAN ATKINSON is THE NERD By Larry Shue Directed by Mike Ockrent Now booking until December 8.

AMBASSADORS THEATRE. 836 6111. CC 741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123. TOP PEOPLE A New Comedy Written & Directed by RICHARD O'BRIEN Previews Oct 10 at 8 Opens Oct. 11 at 7 p m for limited season Mon-Thurs 8 Fri & Sat 5.50 & 8.50 COMBINED THEATRE/DINNER TICKET AT IVY RESTAURANT Mon.-Thurs. £15.00. Fri. & Sat. £16.00

APOLLO Shafts Ave. S CC 01-437 2663 434 3598. Grp. Sales 01-930 6123 Mon to Fri 8.00. Thurs. 3 00. Sat 5 00 & 8.30 KEITH BAXTER MILO O'SHEA "THE MOST KILLING PARTNERSHIP IN TOWN." Punch in "CORPSE!" A Comedy Thriller by Gerald Moon "A MURDER PLOT OF DIZZYING INGENUITY." S. Tel. "A WILD COMEDY THRILLER WHICH LIES SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 'SLEUTH' AND 'THE DRESSER.'" D. Mail. Directed by John Tillinger.

APOLLO VICTORIA THEATRE. 828 8665 CC 630 6262. Group Sales 930 6123 STARLIGHT EXPRESS Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER Lyrics by RICHARD STILGOE Directed by TREVOR NUNN "A MUSICAL THAT SURPASSES ANYTHING AROUND IN EVERY DIMENSION." D. Exp. Evgs. 7 45 Mats Tue & Sat. 3 0 & 7 45 BOX OFFICE OPEN 10 am-8 pm 100 TICKETS ARE HELD FOR Tuesday matinees only, available at the Box Office from 10 am on day of performance, limited to 2 per person. Some £2 standing room tickets are available ½ hour before every performance for the unwaged and students. APPLY DAILY TO BOX OFFICE FOR RETURNS Now booking to March, 1985 NO PERFS 15-20 OCTOBER INCLUSIVE DUE TO CAST HOLIDAY.

ASHCROFT, Croydon. 01-688 9291 or 01-680 5955 Until Oct 13 ANTHONY BATE in MASTER CLASS by David Pownall.

ASTORIA THEATRE (next to Tottenham Court Road Station) Box Office 734 4287/8/9 Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER presents MELVYN BRAGG & HOWARD GOODALL'S Great British Musical THE HIRED MAN Directed by David Gilmore. Prevs. from Oct 26 Opens Oct 31 Evgs. 8 0 Mats Wed 3.0, Sat. 4 0

BUSH THEATRE 743 3388 Operating Theatre presents THE DIAMOND BODY Tues-Sun 8pm

BARBICAN. 01-628 8795/638 8891 CC (Mon.-Sun. 10 am-8 pm). ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY BARBICAN THEATRE. HENRY VIII. "A most exciting revival." Plays & Players. Ton't 7.30. Tomor. 7.30 (runs 3hrs 15). TWELFTH NIGHT. Wed 7.30. Thurs. 2.0 & 7.30. MEASURE FOR MEASURE. Fri. 7.50. Sat. 2.0 & 7.30. Day seats £5 from 10 am. THE PIT. A NEW WAY TO PAY OLD DEBTS. by Philip Massinger. Ton't 7.30 (runs 2hrs 30).

CHURCHILL. Bromley. (18 mins Victoria) 460 6677. GREAT EXPECTATIONS. Eves. Mon.-Fri. 7.00. Sat. 7.30.

COMEDY 01-930 2578. 839 1438. Evgs 8.0. Fri. and Sat. 6.0 & 8.45. BEST MUSICAL Standard Drama Award BEST MUSICAL—N.Y. Drama Critics BEST MUSICAL—N.Y. Drama Desk BEST MUSICAL—N.Y. Outer Critics THE INTERNATIONAL SMASH-HIT MUSICAL COMEDY LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS "I LOVED IT—HOPE IT RUNS FOR A 1,000 YEARS" —T. Out. SEATS at some perfs from £6. Group Sales Box Office 930 6123.

COTTESLOE. 928 2252. CC 928 5933. S. (National Theatre's small auditorium low price tkts). Today 2.30 & Mats Oct. 10 & 11 last perfs ANTIGONE by Sophocles. Ton't, Tomor. 7.30. then Oct. 10 & 11 & Oct. 24 to Nov. 7 FOOL FOR LOVE by Sam Shepard.

CRITERION. S 930 3216. CC 379 6565. 741 9999/379 6433. Grps 836 3962. Mon. to Fri. 8.0. Thur Mat. 2.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. The Theatre of Comedy Company in "A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF BRITISH FARCE AT ITS BEST" Daily Mail. ROBIN ASKWITH GEOFFREY HUGHES WINDSOR DAVIES in RUN FOR YOUR WIFE Written and directed by RAY COONEY Now in its second side-splitting year "OUTRAGEOUSLY FUNNY" Daily Telegraph Special theatre dinner. Criterion Brasserie/stall or circle tickets. £13.50

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DUCHESS THEATRE. 836 8243. S CC. SNOOPY "BEST MUSICAL" Observer 2ND IRRESISTIBEAGLE YEAR Credit Cards 379 6433/741 9999 Group Sales 930 6123 SEATS AVAIL TOMORROW Tues. Wed. Thurs. 8.0 Fridays & Saturdays. 6 0 & 8.30 SUNDAYS AT 5.0 FINAL FIVE WEEKS. MUST END NOV. 11

DUKE OF YORK S. 836 5122/836 9837. Evgs 8. Mat. Thur 3. Sat. 5 30 & 8.30 "TRIUMPH ON TAP" Evg. Std. STEPPING OUT A New Comedy by RICHARD HARRIS. Directed by JULIA McKENZIE "HAD THE FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE YELLING FOR MORE." D. Mail "MUST SURELY TAKE THE TOWN . . . GO." D. Tel.

FORTUNE. 836 2238. Mon.-Fri. 8.0. Mat. Thurs. 3.30. Sat. 5.30 & 8.30. DAVID BUCK in Robert Nye's FALSTAFF

GARRICK S. CC 01-836 4601. Evgs 8. Wed. Mat. 3.0. Sat. 5.0 & 8.0. 14th HYSTERICAL YEAR. LONGEST RUNNING COMEDY IN THE WORLD NO SEX, PLEASE — WE'RE BRITISH 2 HOURS OF NON-STOP LAUGHTER Directed by Allan Davis CC 379 6433. Group Sales 930 6123. OVER 5,500 FANTASTIC PERFS

GLOBE. CC 437 1592. Andrew Lloyd Webber presents the COMEDY OF THE YEAR Society of West End Theatre Award DAISY PULLS IT OFF By Denise Deegan Directed by David Gilmore "ABSOLUTELY SPIFFING." D. Tel. "FULL MARKS FOR DAISY." Std. "A gold star to Daisy for a delightful show." Daily Mail. Evgs. 8.0. Mats. Wed. 3 0. Sat. 4.0. Group Sales 930 6123 "THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE HOOT & A SCREAM." Sunday Times. SECOND GREAT YEAR

GREENWICH THEATRE. 01-858 7755. Evenings 7.45. Mats. Sat. 3.30. IT'S MY PARTY. A new Play by John Flanagan and Andrew McCulloch. "Shows a remorselessly sharp eye . . . perfectly directed and observantly acted" Gdn.

HAMPSTEAD THEATRE 722 9301. LAST WEEK. Evgs 8.0. Sat. Mat. 4.30. Julie Covington, Cecily Hobbs, Sylvestra Le Touzel, Roland Oliver, Gwen Watford in FALL by James Saunders. "Beautiful Play" Tms. "Mesmerising . . . must be seen" T. Out.

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123. REX HARRISON CLAUDETTE COLBERT with NICOLA PAGETT MICHAEL GOUGH MADGE RYAN and FRANCIS MATTHEWS in AREN'T WE ALL? A Comedy by Frederick Lonsdale. Directed by Clifford Williams. Evgs Mon.-Sat. 7.30. Mat Wed. 2.30. Sat. 3.0. LAST 4 WEEKS. MUST CLOSE NOV. 3

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL 930 9832. Group Sales 930 6123 MAGGIE SMITH JOAN PLOWRIGHT & MICHAEL JAYSTON in THE WAY OF THE WORLD Directed by William Gaskill Prevs. from November 6 Opens November 13 at 7.30 Evgs. 7.30. Mats. Wed. 2.30. Sat. 3.0

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LYTTELTON. 928 2252. CC 928 5933. S. (National Theatre's proscenium stage). Ton't 7.45. Tomor. 3.0 (low price mat.) & 7.45. then Nov. 16 to 21 WILD HONEY by Chekhov. (Oct. 10 to 13 last perfs VENICE PRESERV'D). Low price previews from Oct. 19 ROUGH CROSSING.

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Dated this 3rd day of October, 1984.

By Order of the Board.

R. A. HEDGE, M.A. (Cantab.) A.C.I.S., Secretary.

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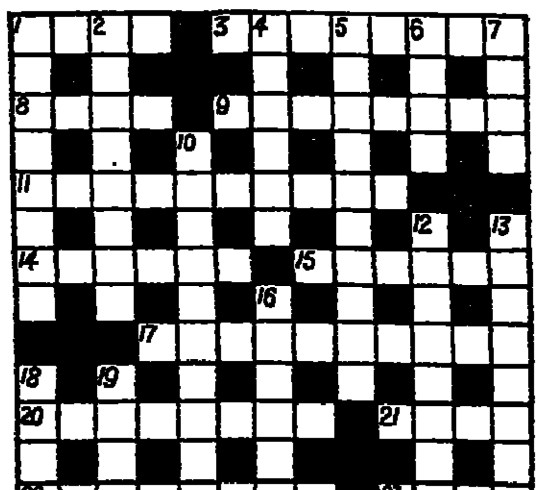

ACROSS

1 Does it smooth things in the office? (4).
3 Obstinate (8).
8 Drunken revel (4).
9 Fussy over details (8).
11 Fuel container (6, 4).
14 Marine creature (6).
15 Light breeze (6).
17 Surprising (10).
20 Interval between the Games (8).
21 Allege (4).
22 Scatter in small drops (8).
23 Refuse of corn (4).

DOWN

1 Pedestrian way (8).
2 Bond or bandage (8).
4 Political agreement (6).
5 Disease caused by overwork? (5, 5).
6 Swearword (4).
7 Pleasant or fussy (4).
10 Cylindrical kitchen implement (7-3).
12 The waver (anag.) (8).
13 Frame for grilling (8).
16 Type of soup (2-4).
18 Plant common on lawns (4).
19 Sir Freddy, philosopher (4).

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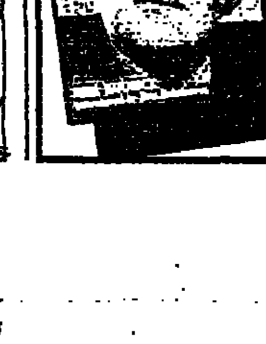

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BLAST DAMAGE: Mr Tony Smith, left, stands amid the ruins of his home in Scunthorpe. Firemen hose down a fire in the rubble of a corner shop in Saundersfoot

Scargill case: 'Cabinet cannot intervene'

By John Ardill, Labour Correspondent

If the High Court decided to imprison the NUM president, Mr Arthur Scargill, for contempt of court the Government could not intervene, the Attorney-General, Sir Michael Havers said yesterday.

Replying to a suggestion on BBC Radio's World this Weekend that the imprisonment of Mr Scargill was not something the Government would relish, he said: "I think the Government would just have to stand on the sidelines because it is a matter which is totally out of the Government's hands. It is a decision for the judge."

But Sir Michael's forecast that the judge, who resumes the hearing on Wednesday of the contempt proceedings brought by two Yorkshire miners, was more likely to impose a substantial fine was attacked by a Labour MP as an attempt to interfere with the course of justice.

After the broadcast the MP for Middlesbrough, Mr Stuart Bell, who is also a barrister, said: "Clearly, the attorney-general is not interested in his own rule of sub judice and is in fact seeking by his comments to influence the judge in his thinking."

Mr Bell has written to Sir Michael, protesting about "the inference that he may be interfering with the course of justice."

Sir Michael said during his broadcast that he believed the contempt case would be similar to that against the South Wales branch of the NUM.

"It may very well be that the first course will be a very substantial fine and then there may be sequestration," he said. "I'm only taking the example of what we saw recently.

"If after that there is a continuing refusal . . . if a continuing contempt much broadcast and much advertised is maintained, it may be that he will have to take that course. But it must be matter for the judge."

Sir Michael had been asked if the court could tolerate non-compliance with its orders by Mr Scargill. He said: "Ultimately a court order has to be obeyed and in the history of industrial relations when court orders have been made, they have been obeyed."

Did that mean Mr Scargill going to prison? "That must be for the judge . . . but judges in my view will ensure that the proper orders of the court are observed."

Sir Michael described Mr Scargill's statement that no Tory judge was going to interfere in the democratic running of his union as "a stupid and ridiculous thing to say."

"They are not Tory judges," he said. "One of the things we have prided ourselves on up to now has been firstly the absolute impartiality of our judiciary and also the impartiality of the police which has been put at some risk I think by what happened last week."

Sir Michael made it clear that he was speaking of the attacks on the police at the Labour Party conference where resolutions and speeches "gave me the impression those on the floor were largely of one mind—it was anti-government, anti-establishment, anti-rule of law."

Actress dies

The actress Charlotte Long, the 18-year-old daughter of the government whip, Viscount Long, died yesterday from injuries she received in a crash on the M4 in Berkshire last week.

Peace hopes flicker after weekend talks

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dio's World this Weekend said the NUM had always been prepared to look at the proposition which involved a third party having final adjudication on closures.

"The board have certainly been lukewarm on that particular point but it seems to me to break the deadlock. That should be a move in the right direction."

He added: "Our problem is that the present review procedure has been discredited. That is accepted by all the unions within the industry and we have got to find some other ways and means of dealing with proposed colliery closures."

Asked whether arbitration would not remove the union's right to strike over closures, he said: "I think if you have exhausted all the machinery within the industry you have got to look at that sort of body and I think there is a great deal of merit in it."

It would "enable the industry and all those in it to look sensibly at the problem of pit closures." But the NUM still insisted on the board withdrawing the closure programme which precipitated the present strike.

Mr Heathfield went on: "The question of the review procedure is not really central to the mining dispute. It is obviously one aspect of the dispute that all the trade unions in the industry are concerned about, but obviously we have policy decisions that say we will oppose pit closures and we are seeking the withdrawal of the March 6 unilateral decision of Mr MacGregor.

Mr Tebbit, speaking on the same programme, said it was "very hopeful" that Mr Heathfield "does seem to have changed the position of the NUM in that he seems willing to accept that there should be closure of uneconomic pits even if the NUM oppose them, through some machinery or another. He seems to be saying, to me, that's what should be done.

"If that is indeed the position of the NUM it is the first time the dispute where they have moved from the principle that every pit must be kept open until either the coal is exhausted or it is too dangerous to work in."

Mr Heathfield later denied Mr Tebbit's interpretation of his words. "There's been no change at all in the NUM's position. To suggest after 30 weeks that we would suddenly accept something that caused the strike is preposterous."

He said the proposals for arbitration were "a diversion from the main dispute as far as we are concerned. We want the board to withdraw the threat to the five pits and their March 6 declaration that they want to close 20 more pits and axe 20,000 jobs.

"That's the cause of the dispute, not what kind of review procedure we have. It seems to me that's an issue that can be resolved following the dispute."

Labour MPs show concern for Cocks but dismiss 'SDP defections' claim

By Julia Langdon, Political Correspondent

The tussle of Labour's chief whip, Mr Michael Cocks, with his constituency activists in Bristol seems increasingly likely to act as a key to the political well-being and confidence of the party's rightwing MPs.

Mr Cocks himself has been reminding colleagues privately that it would be highly damaging for the party if he was not to be reselected in his Bristol south constituency.

A campaign has been mounted within the parliamentary party to stress the significance of Mr Cocks's struggle.

However, MPs on all sides of the party yesterday poured scorn on a newspaper report which suggested that Mr Cocks was likely to lead a mass defection of Labour MPs to the Social Democratic Party. The report in the Mail on Sunday was described as "ridiculous" by one member of Labour's National Executive, and authoritatively dismissed from a number of quarters.

Mr John Silkin, whose decision not to stand for election to the shadow cabinet this year was also linked to the alleged party disarray, joined in the chorus of denunciation. His decision not to stand was taken in order that the party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, should have shadow cabinet colleagues of his own generation, Mr Silkin explained.

The report also included a list of 23 Labour MPs whose position was said to be threatened. A number of different Labour MPs from left and right dismissed this list on a number of different grounds.

One left-wing MP attributed it to the claims of potential defectors made last week by Mr Mike Thomas of the SDP. It was a "nasty piece of political opportunism" he said, which was being used to attempt to destabilise the Labour Party.

Mr George Robertson, a front bench foreign affairs spokesman who was named by Mr Thomas last week as one candidate for membership of the SDP, said there was no prospect of any more Labour MPs leaving the party. "That is for certain," he said.

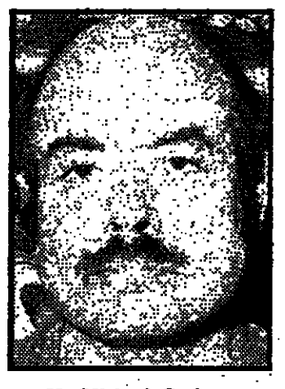
"What is happening is that black propaganda is being spread around designed to cause trouble for the moderates within the Labour Party who certainly do not intend to be provoked by it."

A leading right wing MP pointed out that those who were most likely to suffer under the reselection process were MPs who would not be welcome in the SDP in any case.

But there does remain some concern in the party about the position of Mr Cocks. He is thought to have fuelled this to some extent himself, and it was suggested yesterday that he had achieved some demoralisation in the ranks. But one cheerful point for the chief whip is that he seems unlikely to face a serious challenge in the annual election for his post this year.

Mr Martin Flannery, the veteran leftwinger, has declared his traditional candidacy against Mr Cocks, but is unlikely to secure sufficient votes to cause the chief whip any lost sleep. This is in contrast to the contest last year when Mr John Evans, the MP for St Helens South and a member of the NEC, ran Mr Cocks to a very close finish. Nominations for the election close tomorrow, and the signs are that there will be no other contestants.

Mr Eric Heffer, the chairman of last week's party conference, was understood at one time to be considering running for the job, but seems likely now to concentrate on fighting to hold his seat as an elected member of the shadow cabinet.



Mr Michael Cocks—key reselection fight

The mood among Labour MPs in the wake of the conference appeared fairly cheerful yesterday, despite the opinion poll in the Sunday Times which gave the Conservatives an eight point lead over Labour. The Mori poll showed the Conservatives at 43 per cent, Labour 35 per cent, the Alliance 19 per cent and others 2 per cent.

The poll demonstrated a loss of public support for the Labour Party as a result of its conference, but Labour leaders yesterday drew what comfort they could from the fact that much of this unpopularity could be attributed to the industrial situation rather than to the state of the party. The findings also revealed that the popularity of Mrs Thatcher and her policies has declined and that Mr Kinnock is personally more popular than the Prime Minister.

Tony Heath adds: Leaders of the SDP in Wales yesterday rebuked Mr Mike Thomas, chairman of the party's organisation committee, over his call last week to Labour MPs who were unhappy about defence policy to defect to the SDP.

In a joint statement Mr Tom Ellis, president of the SDP in Wales, and Mr Gwynoro Jones, the SDP's Welsh chairman, both former Labour MPs, declared that the party was not in business to become a mark two Labour Party. "We have no need to tout for recruits from the rump of the old Parliamentary Labour Party," they said.

Two gas explosions demolish homes

By Paul Hoyland

Gas board officials yesterday were investigating the cause of a large explosion which destroyed a shop and broke windows in scores of houses and business premises throughout the holiday village of Saundersfoot in West Wales.

Several people were slightly hurt by flying glass, and one man was treated for facial injury at the Tenby Cottage Hospital, but there was no serious casualties.

Gas board engineers were investigating reports of a leak in Cambrian Terrace when the explosion happened at 8am yesterday.

A baby's cot, from which the child had been removed shortly before the explosion, had glass showered on it and the police said there would have been more people injured if the streets had not been largely deserted.

The centre of the village was sealed off and homes were evacuated as the fire brigade fought a fire at the seat of the explosion in a grocer's shop. The adjoining Cambrian Hotel, which was damaged in the explosion, was also evacuated.

Wales Gas said there had been engineers at the scene of the leak within 20 minutes of its being reported.

They had been unable to trace the leak and had just moved inside the Cambrian Hotel when the explosion happened 90 minutes later. It was hoped to restore gas supply to the resort last night.

Teams of engineers were investigating the possibility that road works in Cambrian Terrace had disturbed the gas mains. Local authorities were preparing to rehouse residents who were unable to return to their homes last night

● East Midlands Gas Board officials were yesterday investigating an explosion which demolished three houses in Briar Way, Scunthorpe.

A fourth house in the two-year-old terrace was badly damaged and will be knocked down.

Mr John Bates, age 56, was seriously injured in the blast but five other people were discharged from hospital after treatment. Matthew Smith, aged six months, whose cot was covered by rubble in the blast, escaped uninjured.

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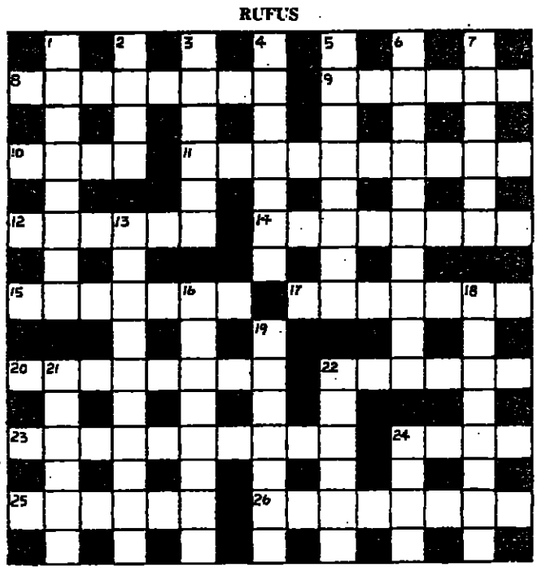

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8 Jane broke a horse in for a period after Elizabeth (8).
9 It's extremely small and in favour of putting on weight (6).
10 Spent American notes (4).
11 The tears we shed for a loved one (10).
12 Article in paper is a hoax (6).
14 Uniformed footmen (8).
15 Train or coach (7).
17 A former screen tough guy in pantomime (7).
20 Their acts are well-known (8).
22 Came to a similar conclusion (6).
23 Bet it's the wife! (6, 4).
24 Be mother for the French (4).
25 Tax put on new car stock (6).
26 This class is certain to be kept in idle fashion (8).

DOWN

1 Bowlers may hang around here, and that's strange (8).
2 Bowl, perhaps, with grain in it (4).
3 It's experienced in poetic form (6).
4 A cinema organisation showing insufficient vitality (7).
5 Files put in the wrong order with malicious intent (8).
6 Back before the rain? (4, 3, 3).
7 More unfortunate choice in the marriage ceremony (6).
13 The case for the prosecution? (10).
16 Permit — strange to relate (8).
18 Dies of cold (3, 5).
19 Attack by a saint about one who became one (7).
21 Famous writer has an attempt at verse (6).
22 A binding affair, perhaps (6).
24 Show displeasure when nothing is in place (4).

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Parade of might backs Soviet words

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the Kremlin has become in its conviction that the US is bent on destroying the postwar order in Europe and achieving military superiority

Five years ago, Mr Brednev came here on the country's 30th anniversary, when Nato was on the verge of its decision to deploy missiles in Western Europe unless nuclear arms agreement could be negotiated .He wanred then agains the consequences of their deployment, and also offered the unilateral withdraal of 20,000 Soviet troops from east Germany. The withdrawals were made, but East-West relations were unaffected.

Now, five years on, Mr Gromyko showed that the Soviet Union remained totally unreconciled to the missiles deployment and made clear that their presence in West Germany has soured East-West relations to a degree where it is hard to see any improvement so long as he remains the dominant influence on Soviet foreign policy.

Mr Gromyko, declaring that his recent US visit had convinced him that the Americans "were not inclined to negotiate about the prohibition of space-based weapons," insisted that the US was "obsessive" in developing new weapons and ws engaged in a "diabolic" drive for military superiority.

He made his customary demand for "concrete deeds" from the West. But perhaps he ws holding out some small ray of hope when he said that, "in time, it will become clear whether Washington genuinely intends to carry out any positive changes in its policies."

However, he and Mr Honecker did not appear to see any light at the end of the tunnel. Both suggested that the Kremlin sees a direct link between the missile deploymenmt in West Germany and the resurgence of what they call the Third Reiuh mentality here — the drive for reunification.

Mr Gromyko made it clear that there cannot be any improvement in East-West ties while President Reagan or other Western leaders question the present division of Europe.

There was nothing povisional about existing European frontiers, he said. "Any assault on these important international agreements, which characterised the image of Europe today, are doomed to failure."

In similar vein, Mr Honecker denounced those who "bluster" that the German question is still open. "There is nothing open any more," he said to reounding applause.

THE WEATHER

Cloudy with some rain

A DEPRESSION to S of Iceland will move E with frontal troughs crossing Britain during the day.

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Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Mainly cloudy, with a little rain or drizzle at times. Wind SW, fresh. Max 14–16C (57–61F).

N Wales, NW and Cent N England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Cent Highlands: Cloudy, with outbreaks of rain and drizzle, some heavy. Wind SW, strong. Max 13–15C (55–59F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee: Perhaps a few bright intervals at first, becoming cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max 13–14C (55–57F).

Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Sunny intervals, blustery showers. Wind SW, strong. Max 11–13C (52–55F).

Awyll, N Ireland: Cloudy with rain heavy at times. Bright intervals later. Wind SW, fresh to strong. Max 13–14C (55–57F).

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Arena–DR: 20.10–20.19 NNW 80E SE*.

Cosmos 220R: 19.00–19.05 WNW 15NW N.

Cosmos 548R: 19.15–19.19 WSW 25SW S.

Cosmos 1400R: 19.04–19.11 SSE 30E NE; 20.42–20.50 SW 40WNW N; (Oct 9) 5.10–5.15 NNE 20ENE E.

Intercosmos 19R: 19.08–19.14 NW 30W SSW

Seasat: 21.08–21.11 NNE* 20NNE NNW.

Manchester

Arena–D R: 20.09–20.19 NNW 80NE SE*

Cosmos 548R: 19.14–19.19 WSW 20SSW SSE

Cosmos 1400R: 20.42–20.51 SSW 50W N (Oct 9) 5.09–5.15 NNE 20ENE ESE.

Intercosmos 19R: 19.08–19.14 NW 35WSW S.

Seasat: 21.08–21.11 NNE* 25NNE N; 22.49–22.50 NNW* 20NNW NNW.

AROUND THE WORLD

Lunch-time reports

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	F	18	64	Luxembourg	F	10	50
Algiers	R	18	64	Madrid	S	15	59
Amsterdam	C	13	55	Majorca	S	19	66
Athens	S	28	82	Malaga	S	22	72
*Barbados	S	30	86	Malta	F	21	70
Barcelona	S	20	68	Manchester	F	13	55
Beirut	F	28	82	Melbourne	F	24	75
Berlin	F	14	55	*Miami	S	28	82
Biarritz	F	15	59	*Montreal	S	9	48
Birmingham	C	13	55	Moscow	C	11	52
Bombay	F	31	88	Munich	C	10	50
Bordeaux	F	15	59	Nairobi	R	16	61
Boston	S	9	48	Naples	C	16	61
Boulogne	R	14	57	Newcastle	C	14	59
Bristol	F	16	61	New Delhi	S	31	88
Brussels	F	13	55	*New York	S	12	54
Budapest	R	14	57	Nice	F	17	63
*Buenos A	S	19	66	Oporto	S	19	66
Cape Town	S	15	59	Oslo	R	12	54
Cardiff	F	15	59	Paris	F	15	59
Casablanca	S	20	68	Peking	S	21	70
Cologne	F	14	57	Perth	C	21	70
Copenhagen	F	14	57	Prague	F	14	57
Corfu	F	27	81	Reykjavik	R	7	45
Dublin	F	13	55	Rhodes	S	24	82
Dubrovnik	R	19	66	*Rio de Jan	F	30	86
Edinburgh	F	14	57	Riyadh	S	37	99
Faro	S	20	68	Rome	C	19	66
Florence	C	18	64	Salzburg	R	11	52
Frankfurt	F	14	57	Seoul	S	20	68
Funchal	F	21	70	Singapore	F	31	88
Geneva	C	12	54	Stockholm	R	12	54
Gibraltar	S	21	70	Strasbourg	F	14	57
Glasgow	F	14	57	Sydney	S	21	70
Helsinki	R	13	55	Tangier	S	22	72
Hong Kong	C	27	81	Tel-Aviv	S	28	82
Innsbruck	C	11	52	Tenerife	F	24	75
Inverness	C	11	52	Tokyo	C	18	64
Istanbul	S	31	88	Valencia	S	21	70
Jerusalem	S	30	86	*Vancouver	R	13	55
Las Palmas	F	24	75	Venice	R	17	63
Lisbon	S	18	64	Vienna	F	15	59
Locarno	S	21	70	Warsaw	S	14	57
London	C	13	55	Wellington	C	13	55
*L Angeles	S	21	70	Zurich	F	12	54

C, cloudy; F, fair; R, rain; S, sunny.
*Previous day's reading.

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

Belfast	7.13 pm	to	7.11 am
Birmingham	6.59 pm	to	6.51 am
Bristol	7.03 pm	to	6.53 am
Glasgow	7.05 pm	to	7.05 am
London	6.53 pm	to	6.44 am
Manchester	7.00 pm	to	6.54 am
Newcastle	6.55 pm	to	6.53 am
Nottingham	6.57 pm	to	6.50 am

HIGH-TIDE TABLE

London Bridge	1.53 am	2.06 pm
Dover	11.12 am	11.33 pm
[illegible]	11.27 am	11.37 pm

SUN RISES	7.12 am
SUN SETS	6.23 pm
MOON SETS	5.11 am
MOON RISES	6.21 pm

MOON: Full October 9

SEA PASSAGES

All passages: Moderate or rough.

AROUND BRITAIN

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm Saturday:

	Sunshine hours	Rain in	Max. temp. C	Max. temp. F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	6.8	.02	15	59	Sunny
Birmingham	1.8	.01	13	55	Showers pm
Bristol	9.3	—	15	59	Sunny
Cardiff	7.3	—	14	57	Sunny
Anglesey	6.6	—	14	57	Sunny
Blackpool	3.5	—	13	55	Cloudy
Manchester	4.3	—	13	55	Sunny am
Nottingham	5.4	—	13	55	Sunny am
Newcastle	6.3	—	13	55	Bright
Carlisle	5.6	—	14	57	Bright
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	4.5	—	13	55	Sunny
Bridlington	4.2	—	13	55	Cloudy pm
Cromer	4.9	.02	15	59	Cloudy
Lowestoft	5.5	.26	14	57	Sunny
Clacton	7.4	.08	14	57	Sunny
Margate	*	.10	13	55	Sunny
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	6.9	.11	15	59	Sunny pm
Hastings	8.5	—	14	57	Sunny
Eastbourne	9.1	—	15	59	Sunny
Brighton	*	.11	13	55	Bright
Worthing	8.0	.02	15	59	Sunny
Littlehampton	8.3	—	15	59	Sunny
Bognor Regis	8.2	—	14	57	Sunny
Southsea	6.4	—	15	59	Sunny
Shanklin	7.5	—	14	57	Sunny am
Bournemouth	7.1	—	15	59	Bright
Poole	7.9	—	15	59	Sunny
Swanage	9.8	—	16	61	Sunny
Weymouth	8.4	—	17	63	Sunny
Exmouth	9.5	—	14	57	Sunny
Teignmouth	9.0	—	15	59	Sunny
Torquay	8.1	—	15	59	Sunny
Penzance	9.6	.01	15	59	Sunny
Jersey	8.3	—	15	59	Sunny
Guernsey	7.7	.01	15	59	Sunny
WEST COAST					
Newquay	8.7	.02	15	59	Sunny
Ilfracombe	7.3	—	14	57	Sunny
Tenby	8.6	.05	13	55	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	3.4	—	13	55	Bright
Southport	*	—	15	59	Cloudy
Morecambe	4.9	—	13	55	Sunny am
Douglas	6.1	.24	13	55	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	4.9	—	13	55	Sunny
Prestwick	6.6	—	13	55	Bright
Glasgow	4.4	—	13	55	Bright
Tiree	4.9	.04	13	55	Sunny
Stornoway	3.2	.12	12	54	Bright pm
Lerwick	7.5	—	11	52	Sunny
Wick	4.2	—	12	54	Sunny am
Kinloss	2.9	.01	13	55	Bright
Aberdeen	5.4	—	13	55	Bright
St Andrews	2.8	—	14	57	Bright
Edinburgh	7.8	—	14	57	Bright
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	6.3	—	13	55	Sunny

Reports for the 24 hours ended 6 pm yesterday:

	Sunshine hrs	Rain in.	Max. temp. C	Max. temp. F	Weather (day)
ENGLAND AND WALES					
London	0.8	.02	15	59	Rain am
Birmingham	0.3	—	14	57	Cloudy
Bristol	4.1	.04	16	61	Sunny pm
Cardiff	4.8	.13	15	59	Rain am
Anglesey	5.3	—	15	59	Bright
Blackpool	5.7	.01	14	57	Bright
Manchester	2.3	.02	14	57	Bright
Nottingham	—	—	13	55	Bright
Newcastle	3.6	—	15	59	Bright
Carlisle	5.5	.13	14	57	Bright
EAST COAST					
Scarborough	3.6	—	15	59	Bright
Bridlington	3.0	—	15	59	Cloudy
Cromer	2.6	—	15	59	Cloudy
Lowestoft	2.5	—	14	57	Cloudy
Clacton	2.8	—	15	59	Sunny am
Margate	—	—	15	59	Bright
SOUTH COAST					
Folkestone	1.6	—	15	59	Cloudy
Hastings	1.8	.02	15	59	Rain pm
Eastbourne	0.4	—	15	59	Cloudy
Brighton	—	—	14	57	Rain am
Worthing	0.4	—	16	61	Drizz am
Bognor Regis	1.1	.01	16	61	Rain am
Southsea	0.1	—	16	61	Cloudy
Shanklin	0.2	.02	15	59	Drizz am
Bournemouth	0.7	.04	16	61	Drizz am
Poole	1.0	.02	17	63	Cloudy
Swanage	1.5	.04	16	61	Rain am
Weymouth	4.1	—	17	63	Bright am
Exmouth	4.3	—	17	63	Sunny
Teignmouth	5.9	—	18	64	Sunny
Torquay	6.2	.04	18	64	Shower am
Falmouth	5.6	.06	16	61	Sunny
Penzance	5.7	.04	16	61	Sunny
Jersey	0.8	.01	16	61	Cloudy
Guernsey	3.7	.04	16	61	Showers
WEST COAST					
Is of Scilly	5.8	.02	16	61	Bright
Newquay	4.7	.04	18	64	Bright
Ilfracombe	3.5	.10	15	59	Sunny pm
Tenby	5.8	.07	15	59	Sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.5	.04	15	59	Sunny
Southport	5.2	.01	14	57	Cloudy
Morecambe	3.9	.02	14	57	Bright
Douglas	6.5	—	14	57	Sunny
SCOTLAND					
Eskdalemuir	5.1	.03	14	57	Bright
Prestwick	7.1	.04	15	59	Bright
Glasgow	5.3	.02	15	59	Sunny
Tiree	4.2	.10	14	57	Bright
Stornoway	5.7	.09	12	54	Shwrs am
Lerwick	2.0	.18	11	52	Showers
Wick	7.3	.12	12	54	Showers
Kinloss	4.4	—	14	57	Showers am
Aberdeen	8.3	—	13	55	Sunny
St Andrews	6.2	—	15	59	Bright am
Edinburgh	6.5	—	16	61	Sunny
NORTHERN IRELAND					
Belfast	3.6	—	15	59	Sunny am

LONDON READINGS

From 7 pm Friday to 7 am Saturday: Min temp 8C (46F). From 7 am to 7 pm Saturday: Max temp 15C (59F). Total period: rainfall 0.02in; sunshine 6.8hr.

From 7 pm Saturday to 7 am yesterday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 15C (59F). Total period: rainfall 0.02in; sunshine 0.8hr.

MANCHESTER READINGS

From 7 pm Friday to 7 am Saturday: Min temp 7C (45F). From 7 am to 7 pm Saturday: Max temp 13C (55F). Total period: rainfall nil; sunshine 4.3hr.

From 7 pm Saturday to 7 am yesterday: Min temp 8C (46F). From 7 am to 7 pm yesterday: Max temp 14C (57F). Total period: rainfall 0.02in; sunshine 2.3hr.

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